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## Clan MacLellan adds to archives collection

Several years ago Clan MacLellan's Board of Directors decided to move their archives to The Odom Genealogy Library. Five boxes filled with books and publications were delivered to Odom and have been on the shelves several years.

Still facing Archives Committee chairperson Nancy Sears was the task of sorting multiple boxes of members' genealogical information.

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**IAIN MACNEACAIL** of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2003 at his home in Ballina, Queensland, Australia.



lia, having suffered a severe stroke earlier in the week. He was 83 years of age.

The Chief, a quiet and distinguished man, was always very giving of his time and efforts to his Clan throughout the

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## Parade of Tartans Stone Mountain 2004



Photo by Woody Bowers

## Great deal for Scottish Weekend, *The Family Tree*...and YOU!



Our Odom Heritage Honorees for Scottish Weekend 2004 Rob & Bob Fletcher, have a marvelous offer for those attending our event next February 13, 14, 15.

They are bringing copies of their beautiful book honoring America's veterans, *Remembrance*...and copies of the book on CD...and will make them available for \$29.95 (regularly \$49.95) for the

book and \$9.95 (regularly \$14.95) for the CD. For every book they sell, they will donate \$5.00 to *The Family Tree* and \$2.00 for every CD sold during the weekend!

Mr. Bob Fletcher is the author, and son, Rob Fletcher, is the artist.

Please see our registration form on page 3A and our program page on page 22A for complete information.

## Newsletter Contest under way once more!

You're invited to participate in the 2004 *Family Tree* Newsletter Contest!

We will have as many categories as there are different categories entered. We judge "apples to apples" so that the best publication in each category has a chance to win. Sometimes a small, but well-done, publication will out-do some of the "big guys!"

You do receive the judges score sheet at the conclusion of the contest and we have been told that this sheet is worth the entry fee of \$25.00.

It's easy to enter. Just send two different copies of your publication, along with the name, address and other contact information of the editor with your entry fee of \$25.00. Mail to: Newsletter Contest, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828.

We already have a few early entries, so you may send your publications any time between now and next May.

Prizes include banners, silver bowls and trays, certificates and ribbons...plus everyone receives their judges scoring sheet.

All winners are listed in *The Family Tree* in the June issue.

Proceeds of the contest go towards travel expenses for *The Family Tree*. Questions? Call Beth at 229-985-6540.



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## SAPC Pipe Band earns recognition

The St. Andrews Presbyterian College Pipe Band continued their tradition of success throughout the fall competition season.

Boone Hall Plantation in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, marked the start of the academic year competition with the Charleston Scottish Games September 20th. The band received straight firsts from all three piping judges, 1st in ensemble and 2nd in drumming.

While there was no full band competition at the Flora MacDonald Games in Red Springs October 4th, the St. Andrews Pipe Band members were able to compete with success in solo competition.

In Amateur Grade III David Quillin won 1st in March and 3rd in Piobaireachd, with Seth Wells winning 1st in the Strathspey and Reel contest. Chance Bell won 2nd place in both the Amateur Grade II March and the Strathspey and Reel competition. Christoph Kreese carried the band's success into Amateur Grade I, placing 2nd in both the March and Strathspey and Reel competitions. Bill Caudill placed 1st in Professional Piping Piobaireachd, 2nd in March and 3rd in Strathspey and Reel.

The band finished second in Grade III competition at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia October 17th - 19th.

The band placed second to the Grandfather Mountain Highlands Pipe Band in the highest level of competition available in the southern United States. The band placed above bands from Atlanta, Georgia, Charlotte, and Raleigh.

The band also received the "Band of the Day" prize for observations made throughout the day by officials on dress, deportment, discipline and music.

Band members also received awards in solo competition. Tracy Rogers won 3rd place in Grade IV 2/4 March competition. Quillin won the Amateur Grade III overall prize for 1st in March, 1st in Strathspey and Reel, and 4th in Piobaireachd. Bell was awarded 5th place in Amateur Grade II 6/8 March, as well as Piobaireachd competitions. Kreese took 4th place in Amateur Grade I Hornpipe and Jig competition.

## Clan Commander recognizes three distinguished members

During the year 2001 Clan Commander Sandy McPhie recognized three Clan members as being *Truly Distinguished Members of Clan Macfie*. He commented: The contributions over many years by Fritz McDuffie (USA), Boyt Cathey (USA), and Iain McFie (Scotland) have been outstanding in many areas of Clan activity over several decades be it as Clan society presidents or committee members, chairs of Clan committees or as active members of Clan Macfie and Clan Macfie Societies.

Fritz and Boyt have specialized in Clan history and genealogy research, while Iain has been the Clan Commissioner in Scotland and Keeper of Clan Macfie Records. He has been coordinator (with his wife, Fiona) for the last four Clan gatherings in Scotland.

Source: *Cathery Kith and Kin Newsletter*, Year 2002 Edition, Boyt Cathey, Editor, 400 Webber Road, Apartment B-2-4, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29307-2486.



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# Scottish Weekend 2004

February 13, 14, 15 *Early Registration Form*

*Celebrating the Music of Scotland from Then til Almost Now...*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places @ \$25.00 each for the Friday Night Old Fashioned Ceilidh & Dinner. Friday night, 13 February, 6.30 PM at the Agricultural Center (on the Bypass just across from Hampton Inn).

We have limited seating at this event. Please don't be disappointed. Register early. A wonderful meal prepared by Roscoe Gay and Company and our professional entertainers plus your own favorite song, poem, joke or performance! Be sure and bring your favorite party piece!

**Total @\$25.00 each**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places @ \$75.00 each for Scottish Weekend 2004.

This registration includes all talks and programs on Saturday, plus the Saturday evening Gala Ceilidh and Banquet (All-You-Care-To-Eat Seafood Buffet) as well as the Luncheon after the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday. The Saturday talks and programs will be at the library and the Colquitt Museum of History. Scottish Country Dancing Workshop is also included. This is held at the Chamber of Commerce. Saturday evening events at The Community Center, Spence Field.

**Total @\$75.00 each**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places \$50.00 for Saturday Gala Ceilidh & Banquet ONLY.

This registration includes the Saturday evening events at the Community Center, Spence Field only. This dress-up occasion includes the Seafood Buffet, the finest in Scottish Entertainment, door prizes and surprises.

**Total @ \$50 each**

**Most people register for the Friday Night Old Fashioned Ceilidh & Dinner and the Scottish Weekend 2004.**

**This is a total of \$100 per person.**

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### UGA Institute set for January 12-16

**January 12-16, Utah, Salt Lake City:** The Utah Genealogical Association announces its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. This week-long institute will offer 10 tracks of learning. For details for this institute, please see the website <www.infouga.org> or send an e-mail to <institute@infouga.org>.

### NGS/St. Louis GS invite you to Gentech 2004

**January 22-24, Missouri, St. Louis:** The National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the St. Louis Genealogical Society present NGS GENTECH 2004. Aimed at genealogists interested in technology, the event will feature a variety of topics at every skill level. Visit <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngsgentech/> or telephone 1-800-473-0060.

### Annual education seminar planned for Largo, Florida

**January 24, Florida, Largo:** The Pinellas Genealogy Society will hold its annual educational seminar featuring John Colletta. More information can be obtained by seeing the website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs> or send an e-mail to Mercedes Bleattler at <mbleattl@largo.com>.

### Come to San Luis Obispo!

**February 7, California, San Luis Obispo:** The San Luis

Obispo County Genealogical Society will host its annual seminar with speakers Janice Cloud, Tina Peddie and others. Further information can be obtained by contacting Cheryl Storten at <timandcheryl@surfari.net> or see the society's website <http://www.kcbx.net/~slogen/>.

### Dallas GS presents Hank Jones in February

**February 7, Texas, Richardson:** The Dallas Genealogical Society will sponsor a seminar featuring Henry Z "Hank" Jones. For registration information, contact the society's website <http://www.dallasgenealogy.org> or send an e-mail to <info@dallasgenealogy.org>.

### Oconomowoc site for Gene-A-Rama

**April 23-24, Wisconsin, Oconomowoc:** Wisconsin State Genealogical Society announces Gene-A-Rama 2004. Details will be posted at <http://www.wsgs.org>. You can contact the society at WSGS Office, PO Box 5106, Madison, WI 53705 or send an e-mail to <wsgs@chorus.net> for further information.

### Elizabeth Shown Mills in Santa Rosa, CA

**April 24, California, Santa Rosa:** The Sonoma County Genealogical Society will host its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar, featuring Elizabeth Shown Mills. Contact <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/mills.htm> for more informa-

tion.

### Lloyd Bockstruck to appear in Topeka

**April 24, Kansas, Topeka:** The Topeka Genealogical Society is sponsoring a conference featuring Lloyd Bockstruck. Further information can be found at <http://www.tgstopeka.org/conference.html> or by telephoning 785-233-5762.

### Library authorizes restoration of maps

As a Washington Territory Sesquicentennial Project, the Washington State Library has authorized the restoration of two maps: (1) an 1897 postal map (showing routes and frequency of delivery); and (2) an 1881 map of the Department of the Columbia (showing the present-day states of Washington, Oregon, and parts of Idaho and Montana with Indian reservations, railroad routes, and wagon roads). These will be digitized and placed on the State Library's website. Visit them at <http://www.statelibrary.wa.gov>.

Thanks to the following for this information: *Federation of Genealogical Societies FORUM*, P. O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940.

### Interesting African American history found at two sites

Fayetteville, North Carolina, has a unique slice of African American history at two sites, Fayetteville State University (FSU) and Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church.

FSU, the second-oldest public university in North Carolina, was founded in 1867. In 1877 it began receiving state support, and in 1972 it became a campus of the University of North Carolina system.

Evans Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Zion was founded in 1796 by Henry Evans, a black preacher and shoemaker from the foothills of Stokes County, Virginia. The church served black and white members until the founding of the predominantly white Hay Street Methodist Episcopal Church in the early 1830s. By the 1870s Evans Church had become part of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and in 1983 was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Contact Fayetteville Area

CVB, 245 Person Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301-5733; or call 800-255-8217; or online to go <www.visitfayettevillenc.com>.

### African American research collection housed in Chicago library

The International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry maintains a research collection. The Slave Archival Collection is housed in the Vivian G Harsh Research Collection at the Carter G Woodson Library in Chicago, Illinois. This collection has alphabetized lists of names, old photographs, census data and more. The society has acquired many photographs, stories, pedigree charts and names of formerly enslaved ancestors.

To contact the library, or to contribute any of these types of materials, contact: ISDSA, PO Box 436937, Chicago, Illinois 60643-6937, call 773-238-2686, e-mail <ISDSA@aol.com> or visit the website, <http://www.rootsweb.com/~isissdsa>.



### City Directories

Searches are now available for thousands of city directories nationwide 1700s - 1900s. Discover your ancestor's changes of address, occupations, spouse's name, death date, etc. Send self-addressed stamped envelope for list of cities and search fees.

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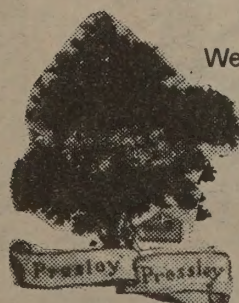
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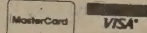
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Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, will be sign-in and welcoming day, with the conference opening on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and closing on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The conference will feature lectures and workshops on Italian genealogy both for beginners and for those more

advanced in the search for their Italian family roots.

Cost to register for the conference will be \$75 (before May 31, 2004).

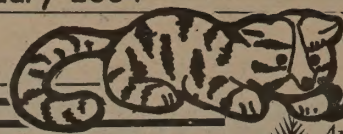
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### Sons of the Revolution moves

The headquarters of the Sons of the Revolution, housed up to now in New York City, is moving to Independence, Missouri. In its new location, it will be near the Mid-Continent Public Library's Genealogy and Local History Branch.

The SR's new address is 201 West Lexington Avenue, Suite 1776, Independence, Missouri, 6450-3718. You may reach them by phone at 800-593-1776 or examine their web site at <http://www.srl1776.org>.

Source: *Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Number 235, October 2003; *Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Newsletter*, PO Box 15102, Long Beach CA 90815-0102.



### POINT will reduce its annual dues

POINT (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together), *THE American Network of Italian Genealogy*, has announced that starting with its 2004 membership year, annual dues will be significantly reduced. Dues for those members with a United States mailing address will be \$30 per year, and for those living outside the United States, dues will be \$50 per year.

Since 1987, POINT has been the premier network for those who are interested in their Italian roots or their Italian heritage, and who want to trace their Italian family tree and pursue their Italian family names. POINT members (who are called POINTers and whose level of expertise ranges from beginner to very experienced) freely and eagerly share their knowledge with one another in the pages of the quarterly journal, *POINTers*, and through various other means of communication.

The POINT Italian Surname Data Base currently contains over 23,000 Italian surnames submitted by some 2500 active members from all 50 states and several countries around the world. These surnames originated in over 3500 Italian cities and towns.

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## We have a "miracle in the making" that could save *The Family Tree*!

We have a real "miracle in the making" although because of USPS regulations, I can't really write much about it here.

We have an event, that if it is successful, can raise \$16,000 for this little paper! Along with our Postage Heroes and advertising revenue, this would make the difference for us. The event will be called *The Family Tree Cruisin' - Kilts in the Wind*.

The event is planned for September 18-25, 2004.

Speakers planned include Alastair McIntyre from <electricscotland.com>; Frank Shaw with his marvelous book reviews and his knowledge of Robert Burns; the music of Colin Grant-Adams; speeches and presentations by your editor; and the wit and humor and wisdom of Ludlow Porch from The Funseekers Network!

We hope Wacko's from Ludlow's program and also members of Clan MacBubba will be there as well as readers and friends of *The Family Tree*.

Caberdancer, the originators of the great Clan MacBubba, plans to attend as well!

We are working to have complete details and information ready in the next few weeks. We will have a brochure for you in the next few weeks as well. If you would like complete details, please visit <electricscotland.com> and click on *The Family Tree*...and then look at our index page for "Miracle in the Making!"

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### How long?

The length of the reunion will depend on your family's wishes and desires.

Over 70% of respondents to the East Stroudsburg (PA) University/*Reunions magazine* study reported their reunions are two or more days.

Many family vacations are reunions or include reunions as a significant part of their plans. While many reunions are still a single day, more and more last Friday through Sunday and some families meet even longer. A week is not unusual.

If members travel any distance, a longer stay makes the effort worthwhile with time to visit and relax before the return journey.

The occasion of cousins visiting from Italy generates week-long reunions of Nicolo and Felicia DePronio's descendants in Toronto, Canada. The Amalio Rodriguez descendants from several Midwest states meet in Puerto Rico to celebrate the weeklong La Festa Patronales.

### How often?

Frequency and interval is also a matter of personal/family preference.

Neal D. Wintermute, president of the Windemuth Family Reunion, wondered how many years between each family reunion works out best. Almost half (46.2%) of all families have annual reunions, according to the East Stroudsburg University/*Reunions magazine* study. That is a substantial number of people for whom family holds great importance.

I regularly attend - along with 400-600 family members - an annual reunion that is always at the founder's family homestead and dairy farm.

Many families convene for one day annually.

Annual reunions of imme-

diate family - grandparents, their children, spouses and grandchildren - are opportunities for parents, siblings and cousins to bond.

Other choices for reunion frequency, according to the above study, are 28.2% of families meet every two years and 10.4% every five years. Every two or more years gives everyone a chance to save for a great reunion vacation.

Frequency is a serious consideration for the reunion organizer. One year passes rapidly while two years may give you extra breathing room.

After organizing a reunion for 500, Carmen Turner, Key West, Florida, knew she needed a respite before taking on another Allen Family Reunion.

Another family had experienced so many funerals in a short time that at first they thought a reunion would be too expensive for everyone. But instead, they used the experience to count their blessings and meet more often.

Lee Lybarger, Delaware, Ohio, helps with two family reunions. One insists upon meeting at the same place every year on the same July weekend. Attendance is suffering. He tried to get them to have the reunion every other year to increase attendance but they want no change and are stuck on their traditions. He also helps organize an every-other-year, one-day reunion where he'd like to increase reunion time for folks to get better acquainted.

One family quite happily scheduled reunions every five years until they realized how long and quickly the list of deceased grew and decided to meet more often while everyone is still alive.

Janis Wilkins' Koehler Family Reunions started in 1968 with a celebration of their

grandparents' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They also met at five-year intervals until they realized they'd like "to see each other more often!"

These are some family reunions coming up.

**Bunker** March 4-7, 2004, Tucson AZ. Bette Bunker Richards, <betterichs@earthlink.net>;

<www.bunkerfamilyassn.org>. Plan to visit Karchner Caverns, Tombstone, San Xavier del Bac and Mexico. They are staying at the motel with the Chicago White Sox during spring training.

**Davis - Goode - Whitfield** July 2-4, 2004, Oklahoma City OK. Andrew B. Hamlin, 1149 NE 59th Street, Oklahoma City OK 73111; 405-478-5007; <andylcap@aol.com> or Cathy Harris, 3119 Kenosha, Tulsa OK 74106; 918-428-1626; <cdhkrashaun3@aol.com>.

**Fortier - Dacou** June 25-27, 2004, New Orleans LA. Nicole Thompson, 256-882-7929.

**Leedy** Aug 14, 2004; Leedy Park, Ankenytown OH. Donald J. Leedy, 2825 Yeonas Drive, Vienna VA 22180;



2003 Rose Reunion at Brush Creek Crange.

<donshirleyleedy@erols.com>; <www.leedyfamily.com>.

**Mazer** Aug 6-8, 2004, Bushkill PA. Marilyn Golden, 6589 Senator Lane, Bensalem PA 19020-1959; 215-757-8540; <mg0803@comcast.net>.

**McMullen** Feb 27-28, 2004, Donalsonville Lion's Hall, Donalsonville GA. Mary Gray, 2764 Parkside Drive, Donalsonville GA 39845; 229-861-2117; <maryg@surfsouth.com>.

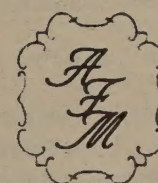
**Owens** Aug 12-14, 2004, Chicago IL. Christeon Owens, 312-954-3462;

<Christeon@aol.com>.

**Towne** September 16-18, 2004, Salt Lake City UT. Barbara Baylis, 9835 Elmcrest, Dallas TX 75238-1831; 214-348-7737; <brbaylis@aol.com>; <www.townefamilyassociation.org>.

**Van Every** July 22-25, 2004, Branson MO. Stacie (Van Every) Coppinger, <auntstacie1@hotmail.com>; <bubbles82769@yahoo.com>. Any member of the Van Every, Van Iveren, Van Evera, Van Avery families are welcome to attend. From what we have

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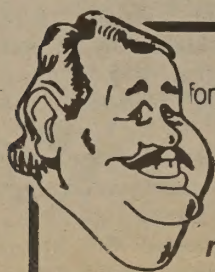
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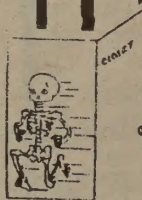
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Guest of honor is Christopher Barron, Chief Executive, Scottish Ballet/Scottish Opera. Prior to assuming his present post, Barron was general manager of the Edinburgh International Festival and later became Associate Festival Director. He has also been associated with such other well-known festivals and opera houses as Glyndebourne, Wexford, Buxton and Brighton.

Addressing the need for improved communication at the international level, Bob Creighton will share his expertise as joint-founder and Chief Executive Officer North American of MentorShop, Inc., an international development company co-located in Scotland and the United States (Bethel, Connecticut). Creighton is a graduate of the University of Strathclyde and speaks regularly at American universities on international trade, investment, and cultural issues. He is an advisor to The Scottish Executive on a number of programs, including, currently, The First Minister's "Fresh Talent" initiative. Last year he was invited by the Minister for Industry and Lifelong Learning to be a founding member of the Global Scots Network.

The two-day conference will explore other issues also. An important one is the need to reach out to younger people to interest them in the Scottish heritage and the Scottish arts. Scott MacAulay, founding director of the College of Piping & Celtic Arts, Prince Edward Island, Canada, will discuss its principles, goals and study programs. The College is the only institution of its kind in North America. MacAulay is not only a gifted teacher, but has won numerous North American and Scottish solo piping competitions.

The panel discussions will be moderated by Professor Malcolm McLeod, FRSE, University of Glasgow, who is chairman of The Caledonian Foundation USA, and Scott Bushey, chairman of British

Schools & Universities Foundation, which has headquarters in New York City. Bushey is a trustee of The Caledonian Foundation and chairman of its scholarship committee.

There will also be participation by members of The Scottish Coalition. Alan Bain, president of American-Scottish Foundation, Inc., will discuss a project recently proposed by The Coalition, that of building support for travel to Scotland, either on an individual basis or for tour groups. Moderator of this discussion will be Robert McWilliam, president emeritus of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, and president of The Caledonian Foundation.

Information on the Symposium is available from 1-800-713-0507.



### Things to be sure to include in your query!

1. Who are you looking for? Burial site, names of children, wife, etc. Be specific.
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5. Always include a Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope (SASE). Don't expect a reply without one. An e-mail address is helpful.

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## Procedures to help with water damage if you had a visit from Isabel!

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Floods also damage property in October and November of 2002, and we can expect the rivers and bayous to rise in the annual spring floods each year. Floods cause damage to property, livestock and homes. Family heirlooms and other valuables are damaged by rain, rising water and the silt deposited by the water.

The following recommendations may help clean, treat or restore water damaged items. However, there are no guarantees that any of these procedures will work in every case.

Photographs and paper items are particularly vulnerable to water, and damage may be permanent. Patience and care are the key words for the cleaning process. Wear latex or rubber gloves while treating the water-damaged items; you do not know what germs may be lurking in the dirt or flood water.

1. Try to carefully clean off as much of the silt and water as possible. Rinse photographs with clear water, touching only the borders. Blot other wet items with paper towel, try-

ing to get off as much grime as possible. Do not rub or scrub, as dirt may scratch items. Use a soft, wet rag or paper towel to clean objects, rinsing the cloth often. Blot again.

2. Air dry item face up, if possible, or dry with soft rags or paper towel. Avoid direct sunlight and high heat, which may fade, buckle or warp objects. Use fans, air conditioners and dehumidifiers to reduce humidity and prevent mold and mildew.

3. Do not store wet objects in plastic bags; this will cause mold and mildew. If it is necessary to transport the water-soaked item in a plastic container, do not seal the bag or box.

4. If the wet items begin to fall apart or break, put the pieces in carefully labeled, unsealed plastic bags. Do not try to repair or restore until items are completely dry. In some cases it may be necessary to consult a professional cleaner, restorer or conservator.

5. Documents and works of art should be removed from frames, if possible, and air-dried. If items need to be professionally restored, keep them in a refrigerator or freezer.

6. Except for household surfaces, avoid the use of disinfectants, which may stain or damage object.



## Let's go site-seeing

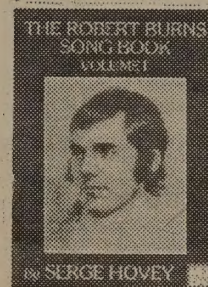
### Slave narratives from the Federal Writer's Project:

From 1936 through 1938, the Federal Writer's Project of the WPA collected over 2,300 first-person accounts of slave life and 500 black and white photos. These were microfilmed in 1941 and assembled into the seventeen volume, *A Folk History of Slavery in the United States from Interviews with Former Slaves*. These fascinating autobiographical accounts contain the impressions and reactions to their bondage. The Library of Congress has made the collection available online. More than 200 photographs will be available to the public for the first time. The collection can be found at: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/sn.html/>.

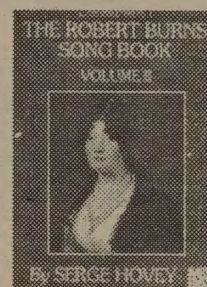
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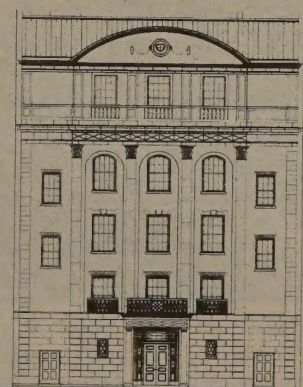
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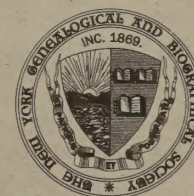
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Mad Max at the Stone Mountain Highland Games this past October. Note Max's new shoes! You can see Max at many Highland Games organizing and managing the wrestling competitions!

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## Wallace and Licari at Wallace monument!



Richard A. Wallace of Marysville, California, a Director of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide, was invited to participate in a wreath laying ceremony, at the statue of William Wallace in Aberdeen, Scotland in August 2003, the occasion being the anniversary of the murder of William Wallace. Richard Wallace, representing the Clan Wallace Society, presented a check to Peter Licari for \$500 to further the efforts in 2005 of the Wallace 700 group of Aberdeen in commemorating the 700th year anniversary of William Wallace's murder.

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which had accumulated during the organization's early years. In order to prepare the material for easy access by researchers, Sears sorted it by the most popular spellings of MacLellan (McLellan, McClellan, McClelland, MacLellan, etc.). In addition, she set up a binder for spellings of other names, such as Clelland and Gilliland.

Because members of the same family sometimes spelled their name differently, researchers are advised to check through material in all binders. Submissions were put in "sleeves" in alphabetical order according to the first name of the earliest ancestor in that particular family.

In October, Sears, along with East Central Region director Kathy Kessinger, took the items to Odom. Other binders contain records from churches, cemeteries, etc., sorted by spelling of name, sites in Scotland pertaining to MacLellans and sites in the United States and Canada pertaining to MacLellans. In addition to the binders, there were numerous documents of bound research contributed by members. For a complete listing of Clan MacLellan Archives, contact Kathy Kessinger at <kkessinger@juno.com>.

When a member joins Clan MacLellan, they are asked to submit data about their ancestors. This information is added to the Clan's database in which there are currently over 17,900 names. If the genealogy archivist discovers a new member's ancestors are already in the database, she notifies them.

Questions regarding membership in Clan MacLellan may be sent to treasurer Nancy M. Sears at <nmsear01@louisville.edu>.

## How did we do things a long time ago?

Do you ever reminisce about how you did things as a child years ago, before all the modern conveniences came along?

It might be interesting to renew some memories on-line on *The Old Timer's Page*. The *Walton Feed Company* website has many links to interesting items. Take a look at <<http://waltonfeed.com/>>



Presenting the Clan Wallace Lifetime Achievement Award to Richard A. Wallace (center) and his wife, Janice Wallace, is Marcus J. Wallace, president of the Clan Wallace Society Worldwide, during the 3rd Biannual International Gathering of Clan Wallace in Reno, Nevada, in July 2003. The award included a silver Quaich. The prestigious award has been given only three other times in the history of the Clan Wallace Society.

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# Flowers of the Forest

**Ronald J. Thomann**, a career Navy enlisted man who served in two wars, died of complications from Parkinson's disease at his home in Columbia. He was 68.

Born in Niagara Falls, New York, Mr. Thomann attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, New York, before joining the Navy in 1953.

Early in his 20-year career, Mr. Thomann was a member of the elite Underwater Demolition Teams, precursor of the SEALs, and served in Korea at the end of the conflict there.

Later, he was trained as an intelligence photo analyst and was involved in the Cuban missile crisis. He also served in the Vietnam War.

During his career, Mr. Thomann served in, or visited, 44 countries and all 50 states. Among his decorations were two Bronze Stars and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

After retiring in 1973 as a chief petty officer, Mr. Thomann moved his family to Columbia and worked as a photographer and bonded courier in the Linthicum area.

He served as a lay reader and usher at Christ Episcopal Church in Columbia.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, the former Alta Garrison, a son, a daughter, 11 brothers and sisters, and three grandchildren. A daughter preceded him in death.



**Daniel "Danny" R. Potter**, 50, of Johnson City, Tennessee, died Saturday, November 1, 2003.

Born in Knoxville, Tennessee, Danny obtained his master's degree at East Tennessee State University. He worked at Greene Valley Developmental Center for 28 years.

He was the founder and coordinator of the Jonesborough Celtic Festival and the Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival. He was a member of the Scottish American Military Society, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Society for Creative Anachronism, MENSA, membership secretary for Clan Colquhoun Society of North America, Tennessee State Educators Association, American Civil Liberties Union, National Arbor Day Foundation, National Eagle Scout Association, St. John Episcopal Church, 78<sup>th</sup> Frasier's Highlanders, St.

Andrews Society, Clanna-Alba, Kingdom of Raknar, Bird Clan of the Free Cherokee of Eastern Alabama, and Celtic American Association of Northeast Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Jim and Josie Potter, and Gordon and Ethel Pack. Survivors include his parents Ray and Mary Potter; brothers: Tim and wife Mona, Scot and wife Jozelle; sisters: Gerry Williams and husband Ray, Cathy Price and husband Bob; nephews: Jesse Potter, Jonathan Potter; and nieces: Nikki Potter, Lyndsay and Raysha Williams; and many very devoted and special friends.

Memorial services were held Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Millennium Convention Center, Johnson City, Tennessee, across from East Tennessee State University.

*The Family Tree* was advised by the Clan MacLellan of the following losses:

**David R. McLellan** of Newport, Washington, who died in September of 2002.

**Lorna MacLellan West** of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who died in June of 2003.

**Donald R. McClelland** of Henderson, Nevada, who died in August of 2002.

**Jean Bradely McConnell Echols** was a member of the Clan Graham Society for two decades and was always very supportive of all their endeavors. Jean died Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at her home in Marion, Virginia. She was born in Abingdon, Virginia, the second child of the late Charles Lee and Catherine Sanders McConnell.

## Information is now provided by State Department overseas records

State Department overseas records might be able to provide reports of birth, marriage and death that occurred overseas. Go to <http://www.travel.state.gov> and click on *Travel and Living Abroad*. Then click on *Birth, Death and Marriage Records*. At the page titled *Birth, Death and Marriage Records*, click on *Apply for a copy of a report issued by an American embassy or consulate showing that a U.S. citizen was born, married or died while abroad*. That takes you to *Consular Reports of Birth, Death, and Marriage on File with the Department of State*. There you will find the information you want, along with a form that can be copied and pasted, and the address where you can mail it.

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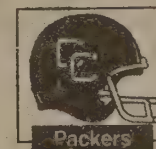
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The US National Archives has put the Irish Famine Immigrants database online and it is free to search. This covers Irish immigrants to the port of New York from 1846-1851. It can be a bit tricky to search, so start here...[http://aad.archives.gov/aad/title\\_list.jsp](http://aad.archives.gov/aad/title_list.jsp).

In the pull-down "subject" menu, click on "Irish," then click submit. On the next page click on "Famine Irish Data Files, 1977?-1989?". The Coverage Dates are 1/12/1846 - 12/31/1851. They are dates of passenger arrivals.



## Scurrybreac, continued from page 1A

world. In 1994 he was quoted as estimating that some ninety percent of his extensive correspondence and a good deal of his reading was connected with the Clan.

Born in 1920, Scurrybreac was brought up on his father's sheep and cattle property near Campbell Town, a small town some forty miles south of Launceston in northern Tasmania. Educated at Scotch College, Tasmania, from 1931 to 1938, he then joined the staff of a daily paper as a cadet reporter until early 1940 when he volunteered to transfer from the part time militia to the 28th Field Regiment, 9th Division Artillery, A.I.F. He remained with the regiment throughout the war and served in the Middle Eastern campaigns and later in the invasion of North Borneo.

After the war, he returned to the family property and in 1946 married Pamela Fish. Pam was born in Launceston, Tasmania and educated at Fahan School, Hobart. She enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force in 1941 and served

as a radar operator at various Australian stations.

They commenced their farming life on a War Service Settler's block in northern Tasmania but by 1955, his father's failing health made it imperative that they should return to manage Scurrybreac, the family property of some 6,000 acres named after the old clan lands on the Isle of Skye.

Following his father's death in 1962, he purchased his brother's interest in Scurrybreac and together with Pam their property continued to produce good quality wool. They also founded a Galloway cattle stud as a side interest. Five years later they moved to an undeveloped property - which they named Kanangra - some twenty miles north west of Canberra, where their elder daughter Robin was attending a university.

In 1987 part of the Clan ancestral land by Ben Chracaig, Portree, Isle of Skye, which was earlier the home for nearly eight centuries of the Nicolson of Scurrybreac Chiefs and their clansmen, was

put on the open market. MacNicol and Nicolson the world over formed Urras Clann MhicNeacail (The Clan MacNeacail Trust). It took great effort worldwide, but sufficient monies were raised and the Clan was able to purchase the 130 acres by Ben Chracaig, a most beautiful headland opposite Portree "for preservation and public enjoyment."

Following the purchase of Ben Chracaig, a cairn was built from stones sent by Clan Associations all around the world. Scurrybreac at the dedication of the cairn in October 1989 said, "I regard this cairn as a memorial to my father; this because of a small stone incorporated into the face of the cairn - a stone my father (Norman Alexander Nicolson) picked up when visiting the ruins of old Scurrybreck House (in Skye) in 1917 while on furlough from the Western Front. He took it back to Australia and later had it set into the keystone of the main fireplace of our home in Tasmania. When we moved to New

South Wales, I took the stone with me and now 72 years later, and after a return trip of some 22,000 miles, it has been returned to Skye." This cairn is now a great source of interest to the many visitors to Skye.

1988 saw the recognition by the Lord Lyon of Scurrybreac as the only Chief of the Highland Clan, thus ending a long drawn out challenge to that claim. While they must have drawn comfort from the worldwide support extended to Scurrybreac and his family, it was apparent to those who followed this case that this caused the Chief much heartache and anxiety.

In May 1992, there was a Dedication on the Isle of Skye to mark the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland and the legendary burial sites of 28 Nicolson Chiefs known locally as St. Columba's Isle at Snizort.

Scurrybreac's beloved wife Pam passed away on June 3, 1995. He sorely missed his soul mate, her delicious sense of humour and her keen sense of the ridiculous; there had always been much laughter in their life together.

The Clan continued to progress and it gave Scurrybreac much pleasure to announce the formation of the Highland Clan MacNeacail Federation, and that a Grant of Arms had been made to the Federation, under Letters Patent dated January 6, 1997, by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. He was also very proud to learn that the Federation had been accepted as a "Founder" of the new Scottish Museum thanks to a generous donation made to the Museum on behalf of the Federation by Burke Nicholson of Balvenie and Harman Nicholson of Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

In 1998 there was a further recognition of Scurrybreac's Chiefly status with the announcement that by a warrant of May 28, 1998, the Lord Lyon King of Arms had approved a grant to him as Chief of the Clan MacNeacail of Supporters, a Plant Badge, and a Pinsel. He had also approved a Change of Motto from "Generositate non Ferocitate"

to "Memento sed Providere" (Remember, but Look Ahead). Through the generosity of Burke Nicholson of Balvenie, the Clan was presented with the newly granted Pinsel, a four and one-half feet length and two feet high flag, which show the Chiefs' Crest (a Hawk's Head) and within a circle his Motto and chiefly title, as well as his Plant Badge.

Clan MacNeacail has not only lost a Chief, but one who was a treasured friend to many who knew him, a linchpin that held together a widespread clan in warm kinship, caring and understanding. The word gentleman is often casually used, but thoughts of Scurrybreac are remembrances of a gentle man. That gentleness never failed him, his physical and moral strength was evident in his service to his country and to the wider community within Australia and throughout the world.

### Kenneth J. Campbell is elected SSMV president

The Reverend Kenneth J. Campbell was elected president of the Scottish Society of Martha's Vineyard at the annual meeting held September 26<sup>th</sup>, having previously served for several years on the board of directors.

After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from Suffolk University in Boston, Ken Campbell received his Masters of Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University, as well as Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Following a career at IBM (International Business Machines) as an executive in various management and staff positions, spanning more than thirty years, Campbell became a consulting director for Genesis Consulting in Ridgefield, Connecticut, and then retired with his wife Cathy to make their home on Martha's Vineyard.

In 1997 he began his service as pastor of Faith Community Church of Martha's Vineyard.



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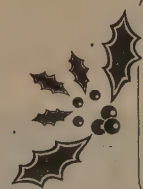
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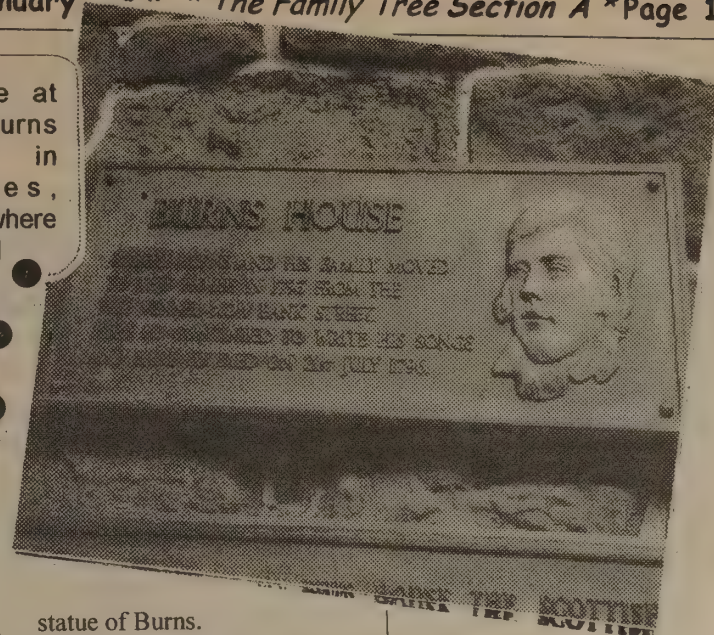
# Robert Burns Lives!

## My long awaited journey through Robert Burns country...

Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Atlanta, GA, email: <jurascot@earthlink.net>



Plaque at the Burns House in Dumfries, Scotland, where Burns died



This past August, after a fun-filled week in Edinburgh enjoying the best ever tattoo according to those "who know," and an all too brief jaunt into the Highlands to see all lands once occupied by but still held sacred by Clan Shaw members, my wife Susan and I dropped our traveling companions, Dr. David Shi, President of Furman University, and his lovely wife Susan at the Inverness airport early one morning. We then proceeded to do something we had never done on our previous trips to Scotland - drive toward Burns Country to visit as many of the historical places as we can that were made famous by the National Poet of Scotland whom we have come to love and respect as much as any native Scot.

Our first stop was in Glasgow to visit George Square and the Mitchell Library. There is a magnificent statue of Robert Burns in George Square and once the pigeons gave me a brief respite from landing on the head of the statue and my dodging their missiles, I took several pictures.

Not far away, towering over the Burns statue, was one of my hero, Sir Walter Scott.

It is so high that you have to crane your neck to see the top of it.

About 10:30 a.m. we made our way over to the Mitchell Library to see the reputed world's largest collection of Burns books and Burnsiana.

Unfortunately, there was no one available to show us through the Burns Library because everyone was "on break". They advised us to come back at 2:30 that afternoon. I asked if 1:30 would be okay since we needed to head on down toward Ayr. "No sir," the receptionist said, "They will be on afternoon break."

No comment. I'll phone



**Mausoleum in Dumfries where the famous bard is buried along with his wife and several of his children.**

ahead next time to see if an appointment can be made.

After a pretty decent pizza for lunch, we lingered in George Square until the appointed hour and finally got in to see the marvelous treasure of Burns items.

Our hostess was Elaine Stanier, Team Librarian, a most courteous guide.

Their Burns room is about the size of the basketball gyms I remember playing ball in as a boy in Mullins and North Charleston, South Carolina. You could literally spend days and days in the library pouring over the 5,000+ books on Robert Burns. Be still, my panting heart!

Unfortunately, explained Ms. Stanier, the only person on the library staff knowledgeable about Burns had recently re-

signed, and there was no one to answer our specific questions.

Be still, my burning heart!

Susan and I did spend over an hour pulling books and jotting down the necessary information to seek them out on Amazon.com, etc. Luckily, I've been able to purchase a few since returning from Scotland. Our guide did give me a Robert Burns bookmark that the library had used for a conference, and it is highly prized.

Kilmarnock was our next destination.

Not many towns can boast of a small book being printed by John Wilson that today is worth over \$60,000 a copy.

After parking, we thought it would be a good idea to buy some Burns postcards to send to our friends back home, but after walking the town mall, looking in every shop that had cards, we came up empty.

No one sold Burns postcards!

The clerks just shook their heads when we asked. I guess stranger things have happened. However, we did find our way to the quite unusual and unique full-body statue that honors both Robert Burns and John Wilson sharing the same pedestal located on the upper part of the mall.

More pictures.

We then rode over to Dean Castle to see if anyone was in the office of the Burns World Federation, and this time luck smiled on us. What a pleasure to meet Shirley Bell, the executive in charge of the Federation, and her equally capable Office Manager, Margaret Craig.

Learning we would be in Dumfries on Saturday night, Mrs. Bell invited us to dinner if our schedules worked out.

Next, following the Burns Heritage Trail brochure we were given by Shirley and Margaret, we were off to Irvine to find the nine-foot high bronze

statue of Burns.

We struck out there, completely.

We asked several pedestrians and a policeman where the Burns statue was located, but no one knew. Finally, we found a taxi driver who told us to "go to the end of the street, turn right, go to the first roundabout, turn left, follow that street all the way to the park and you will find it on the left hand side of the road."

We thanked him and walked for about 15 minutes only to discover it was a statue of a politician! We walked back to the main street, asked a few more people and gave up after spending an hour and a half trying. Next trip I'll make better plans and contact a member of the local Burns Club for assistance. Time did not permit a visit to the "oldest continuous Burns Club in the world".

Ayr was different since the statue sits in the middle of the town. There was a pharmacaria a few doors away, and they made my day because of the numerous Burns postcards they had in their card rack. The statue of Burns is in a wee park in the center of town with a few benches scattered about, and there we found the pigeons more cooperative than at Glasgow's George Square, so out came the cameras.

Susan and I proceeded to jot a line or two on some of the Burns postcards. I had this brilliant idea of taking them back across the street to the Post Office and mailing them from Ayr. A Robert Burns post card postmarked from Ayr, what a neat little way to say hello to our Burns friends in the States. How disappointed I was to find out that the mail is picked up in Ayr and taken to Glasgow to be postmarked! I think they call this progress. However, we did see a pub called "Honest Man Bar" (the "honest man" being a phrase of Burns) so we wandered in for a glass of wine to drown our sorrows and met a most engaging bartender, Richard Saunders.

Asked about the name of the pub, he replied, "Aye, Robert Burns!" Today, at home on our Burns' library shelves are two bottles of "Honest Man" wine, one red and one white, that we bought at a modest price and lugged the 5,000 miles back to Atlanta.

After a night on the seashore at the Horizon Hotel, "Ayr's Only Seafront Hotel" which in the words of Willie Shakespeare was "much ado about nothing" (Sardine space, anyone? We won't go back

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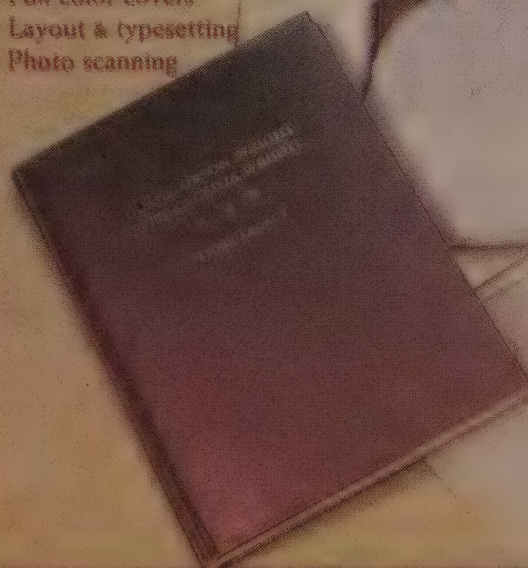


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there!) we set off for Alloway, birthplace of the bard.

I guess Alloway would be considered a suburb of Ayr since it was just a few miles down the road. We were not disappointed.

The Burns Cottage, familiar to all Burnsians the world over, is easily recognized. The Cottage and Museum are first rate as is the Burns Monument and Gardens just a couple of blocks further along the road. We visited the auld Alloway Kirk where the poet's father is buried, and then we walked over to the Brig O'Doon. The Tam O'Shanter Experience will have to wait until the next trip to Burns Country - Dumfries beckoned urgently since we did not have a room reserved for the evening. But, you can bet your bottom dollar I was a happy camper that morning, having taken in the cottage, museum and monument and, just as important to me, the Burns store which contained a few books and numerous pictures and items of Burns!

We then began what was a tedious drive down to Dumfries, tedious because of the single lanes and so much traffic on a Saturday.

We passed a sign to Ellisland but due to time constraints and in search of a bed, we short-listed the farm for our "to do" list next time we are there. I can see why Shirley

Bell rides the train from Dumfries to Kilmarnock!

The rest of Saturday afternoon we spent in Dumfries seeing the Burns statue, The Globe Inn and the Burns Howff Club upstairs, the house Burns died in, and in St. Michael's kirk yard, home of his final resting place, the Robert Burns mausoleum. Here he rests with some of his children and his beloved "Bonnie Jean".

It was our good fortune to meet a young man who works at the Burns house named Paul Cowley. He shared a lot of history about the house Burns died in, as well as the cemetery and mausoleum. He personally escorted us over to the cemetery a wee walk away and with key in hand opened the gates to the mausoleum. Paul then took us over to the Globe Inn that Burns was known to frequent.

He led us upstairs to the Burns Howff Club where we found out that the members of that quaint Burns Club are raising money for a statue in honor of Jean Armour. Brace yourself when you see it. Since the world has basically been relegated to seeing pictures of "Bonnie Jean" as an older, more mature woman in her later years, the maquette they showed us is of a younger time in her life. If this is anywhere near what Jean Armour looked like as a young woman, then one

can see why Burns was so taken with her. She is portrayed as a beautiful young lass, very pleasing to the eye, rather "fetching" as the old phrase goes.

Excuse me for saying so and I do not wish to offend anyone, but she is portrayed as rather sexy in the small statue. Do I like it? You bet I do! You will like it too unless you are an old foggie and slave bound to the older pictures of her. Hey, we were all young and good looking at one time!

The statue is to be erected in Dumfries adjacent to St. Michael's Church and the Burns Mausoleum. David Smith, Hon. Secretary, wrote in an October email to me, "hopefully the project will be completed by July, 2004 and perhaps your members (Atlanta Burns Club) will be able to visit the statue should you make a future visit to Scotland."

In a November email he further writes, "We hope to unveil the Jean Armour statue on 21st July, 2004, the anniversary date of the death of Robert Burns... The proposed site is outside the front gate of St. Michael's Kirk, with Jean looking down towards Burns House."

As far as I know, there has never been a statue of Jean Armour erected anywhere in the world while her husband has more statues in his honor than any man who ever lived. This said, if any of you are interested in joining me in making a donation to this worthy event, please send your check to: Mr. David Smith Hon. Secretary Burns Howff Club C/o Globe Inn 56 High Street Dumfries DG1 2JA Scotland, U.K.

What do you do on a Saturday night in Dumfries? We joined up with Shirley Bell and her husband, Jack, for a wonderful dinner at a small Italian restaurant named Benvenuto's.

I like to think I know a little about Italian cuisine having frequented for the past 25 years Atlanta's finest Italian restaurant, LaGrotta (owned by our good friends, Sergio and Ursula Favalli with whom we recently toured Italy). I was not prepared for what took place that night at dinner. The place was jammed full of people - you get a good feeling when you walk in knowing the locals have filled it to the brim. Simply put, the food was delicious. The

wine was just as good and inexpensive. I ate till I thought I would pop, and the four of us had a fine evening sharing food, wine and maybe a few lies! If the food we enjoyed that evening is any indication of how good the young chef is, suffice it to say he can more than hold his own with any chef I've seen on the Food Network, including the guy from Fall River, Massachusetts. It was that good! We have eaten in many fine Italian restaurants here in the States and abroad, and my old favorite LaGrotta is still the Grande Dame of them all. Yet, I found myself whispering something in Susan's ear as we walked to the car that night I thought I'd never say - "Move over LaGrotta!"

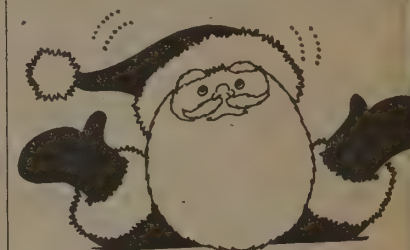
Early Sunday morning, after as good a Scottish breakfast as one could ask for, we were off to Kirkpatrick Durham to meet with antiquarian book dealer, Benny Gillies. I met Benny on the internet. I had visited with him at the book fair in Edinburgh a week earlier and had passed on purchasing a first Edinburgh Edition (1787) of *Burns' Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*. All weekend I kept kicking myself for not buying the book. I just knew he had sold it. Even though the book had two pages of facsimile replacements, I now hoped I had not made a mistake by not buying it in Edinburgh. I was greatly relieved when Benny told me he still had the book, so I bought it right on the spot after, of course, a little negotiation.

If my Daddy knew what I paid for this book, even though he was a college man himself, he'd think I had lost my mind and would, as the old saying goes, "turn over in his grave". But I know one thing, an opportunity to buy this book does not come along often, and I know one more thing, the book is now mine.

For a relatively new Burnsian, life does not get much better than the last three days. We drove the remainder of the day to reach Manchester for our flight the next morning. Burns country was now in the past but will always remain in my heart. But next July we plan to return to Scotland with our son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Denise.

Maybe, just maybe, we can steal away a day or two and once

again head south out of Glasgow. Fortunately, we have already secured our tickets, and when the Jean Armour statue is unveiled and dedicated on July 21, 2004, we will be in the air on the way back to Atlanta. ●



### The SAFHS has a useful book for Scottish researchers & those who are researching Scotland

The SAFHS (The Scottish Association of Family History Societies) has just published a "Members Handbook" for 2003.

This handbook is most useful if you are researching Scottish families. There is an entire page of full members across Scotland as well as about half a page of associate members from Scotland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, etc. Just a few are: West Lothian Family History Society, Shetland Family History Society, Guild of One-Name Studies, The Heraldry Society of Scotland, Central Scotland Family History Society, Borders Family History Society, Association of Scottish Genealogists and Record Agents, Caithness Family History Society, etc.

The listings of the various groups include all contact information, meeting information, project information, publication information, library information, research availabilities, etc. The listings may be one page or several pages of priceless information.

American groups may join as Associate Members. The book contains full details of joining. (*I hope The Odom Library will soon be an Associate Member!*)

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### Today's word is **Carfuffle** (noun)

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**Usage:** Today's lexical oddity is used mostly -- you guessed it -- in Scotland, home of the most intriguing words in English. It is a colloquial expression, spoken more than written. As a result, no one really knows how it is spelled: "kerfuffle," "curfuffle," and a few others may be found in the Oxford English Dictionary, both with and without the [r]. The Macquarie Australian dictionary adds "kerfoofle," "kafuffle," and "kafoofle."

**Suggested usage:** When someone raises a brouhaha over something, a comment like "What is all the fuss about" is likely to be ignored. "What is all the carfuffle about," is much more likely to get the attention the comment deserves. Try it yourself and see.

**Etymology:** Today's word probably came from the Gaelic "twist, bend, turn about" found in other combinations such as car-fhocal "a quibble, prevarication," car-shuil "rolling eye," and car-tuaitheal "wrong turn." "Fuffle" originated as a verb meaning "to jerk about, throw into disorder."

If you interested in more intriguing words, visit the website <http://www.yourdictionary.com>.

### Louisville Burns Night set for February 7<sup>th</sup>

The Scottish Society of Louisville will host its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Burns Night Celebration February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004. This gala event will be held at Masterson's Restaurant 1830 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Louisville, Kentucky. The evening includes a full Scottish Dinner, some wee drams for toasting and is packed with entertainment that includes Piping, Drumming, Fiddle playing and of course dancing.

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### New Orleans passengers may be found at this website!

Because the passenger lists for immigrants arriving at New Orleans are not neatly assembled all in one place, the following website may be helpful. Check out <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/neworleans.html>. It suggests sources both online and offline for passenger arrivals at

New Orleans. Each item mentioned is evaluated and explained. There are links to other websites for things not onsite.

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# East Lothian - A golfing story...



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Of St. Andrew's was the birthplace of golf, then East Lothian was its nursery. By the mid-fifteenth century the game was played widely on the east coast of Scotland – to the consternation of the then monarch, James II. The problem was that his nobles were enjoying this game, and football, to such an extent that they were neglecting to practise their archery, a skill at that time essential to the defence of the realm. By 1457, the king deemed it necessary to take firm action. A parliamentary decree specified that “futeball and golfe be utterly cryed downe, and not to be used...” This decree constituted the first documentary evidence of the existence of golf. However it proved singularly ineffectual in quenching enthusiasm for the game.

Two further decrees, issued under James III and IV respectively, were similarly ineffective. Fortunately, not long afterwards, the advent of gunpowder diminished the role of archery, enabling the rehabilitation of golf. James IV subsequently developed a passion for the game which became a firm favourite of kings – and queens – in succeeding generations in both Scotland and England. Its popularity since then has spread world-wide, and among people far removed from royalty. In Scotland golf is played by people from all walks of life, while the country's premier golf courses attract players from around the world.

So, were did the game start? There have been claims that golf was “invented” in Holland or Belgium, although the game there resembled hockey rather than golf as we know it and supporters of a Scottish heritage point out that there were numerous ball and stick games in Britain and continental Europe at the time. They suggest traders visiting Scotland from the Netherlands saw golf being played in St. Andrews and subsequently introduced it back home.

Encyclopaedia Britannica agrees that golf as it is played today originated in the Middle Ages in Scotland, being first

played on the east coast. But it concedes that other, similar, games were played as early as Roman times. It suggests that the Roman game paganica, which used a club and feather-stuffed ball, may have inspired games that appeared in countries settled by the Romans such as France, Holland and Britain. Golf balls were stuffed with feathers until the mid-nineteenth century. Intriguingly, a club and wooden ball game called cambuca, played in England in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, was banned as early as 1363 for the same defensive reasons that prompted the ban on golfe in Scotland a century later.

Encyclopaedia Britannica also points out that several golf-related words, including golf itself, and also put, tee and stymie, appear to derive from their Dutch counterparts. Meanwhile fifteenth-century illustrations show golf being played in Holland and a famous seventeenth-century painting by A. van de Velde entitled Frost Scene depicts a game between two Dutchmen in knickerbockers and two Scots in kilts.

Whatever its origins, early golf in Scotland had markedly royal connections. Despite introducing the third anti-golf decree, James IV became a keen golfer, playing at St. Andrews where he is said once to have lost a bet of 42 shillings playing against the Earl of Bothwell. James's granddaughter, Mary Queen of Scots was also an enthusiastic player and, indeed, was censured for enjoying a game just days after the murder of her husband, Lord Darnley, in 1567. Some reports say she played at St. Andrew's, others East Lothian, where her father, James V, played. James VI, also a fan, may well have introduced the game to England when he became the country's King James I in 1603 for it is thought that he and his court played on Blackheath Common. While in Scotland he reportedly played at Musselburgh and, hearing complaints that the game was prohibited on Sundays, rectified the situation with a decree

that those who had “first done their duties to God” should be allowed to play.

Golf was originally played informally in the countryside or on common land. By the eighteenth century, however, golfing societies or clubs were being created. Musselburgh Links – The Old Golf Course claims to be the oldest surviving course in the world, the game having been played there since at least the sixteenth century, while there is documentary evidence of regular play since 1672. Between 1774 and 1895 Musselburgh Links was home to four of Scotland's earliest and most prestigious clubs: The Royal Musselburgh, formed there in 1774, The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, The Royal Burgess Golfing Society and The Bruntfield Links Golfing Society.



A further sixty smaller clubs and societies also held their spring and summer meetings at the links while the Open Championship was played there six times between 1874 and 1891, in rotation with St. Andrews and Prestwick. The first ever competition for lady golfers was held at The Old Golf Course on New Year's Day, 1811 and in 1898 the course also hosted one of the first Scottish Amateur Championships.

There are, of course, competing claims to “oldest”... The Royal Blackheath Golf Club in London, which may or may not

be located on the land where James VI first played, also claims to be the oldest existing golf club. This contention is based on the belief that a society of golfers formed at Blackheath in 1608. However there is no surviving record of this. Records do, however, exist showing that The Honourable Company of Goffers (sic) was established in Blackheath by 1766.

What we can be sure of is that in the eighteenth century the concept of golf clubs really caught on. The Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh was founded in 1735. Nine years later The Gentlemen Golfers of Leith, the precursor of The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, was created. This Honourable Company recorded what are believed to be the earliest-known rules of golf. In 1754 The Royal and Ancient Golf Club – The Society of St. Andrew's was founded.

The Royal Musselburgh Golf Club was also one of the earliest golf clubs, being founded in 1774. Its Old Club Cup, dated 1774, can be seen at the St. Andrew's Golf Museum. The Royal Musselburgh also set a world standard for hole size with its 108 mm diameter cutter, the oldest hole cutter in the world. In 1926 the club relocated to Prestongrange House in Prestonpans.

Today Muirfield at Gullane is perhaps the most celebrated of East Lothian courses, having become the venue for the Open Championships when The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers relocated there in 1891. The course is consistently rated amongst the top five courses in the world while a survey in 2000 by Golf World ranked Muirfield Links first among the top 100 courses in the British Isles.

A racecourse now surrounds Musselburgh Links – perhaps appropriately for this other “sport of kings”. But the original golf course remains and visitors may even try their hand at golf using original hickory clubs. The Old Golf Course also hosts another his-



toric sporting fixture, the Musselburgh Arrow Competition of The Royal Company of Archers – the oldest such sporting event in the world and a fitting tribute to the early history of these two, once competing, sports. The Royal Company of Archers will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the competition at Musselburgh Links on 22nd May, 2003. With such a rich and celebrated history, little wonder East Lothian remains a centre of attraction in the golfing and wider sporting world.

Golf in East Lothian  
Musselburgh Links – The Old  
Golf Course Tel: 0131 665  
5438 <http://www.musselburgholdlinks.co.uk>  
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East Lothian boasts no fewer than 16 further golf clubs. Several of these have long histories. Many have wonderful views. For more information visit <http://www.golfeastlothian.com>

Other useful sources: \* “Golf” in Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1969 edition. \*\* A Round of History at the British Golf Museum by Peter N. Lewis, Elinor R. Clark, Fiona C. Grieve, The Royal & Ancient Golf Club Trust, 1998.



### School records might help you

Remember how your parents had to provide information about you such as date and place of birth as part of registering for school?

Many schools maintain their records forever, usually in some records retention facility.

Registration, grades, year-books and all sorts of other information may still exist.

If you can determine the location of a school that your ancestor attended and the county that it was in, chances are that you may be able to obtain copies of school records. Don't overlook colleges and universities.

### Census images from the rich and famous are now on-line

Michael Neill has posted census images from the "rich and famous." The main page is [www.rootdig.com/1930census/](http://www.rootdig.com/1930census/). Some of the many images linked are Lucille Ball, Marlon Brando, Mel Brooks, George Bush, Jimmy Carter, Walter Cronkite, Walt Disney, Amelia Earhart, Katharine Hepburn, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Jackie Robinson, and Dr. Seuss.

Thanks to *Reunions Magazine*, Volume 14, Number 2, October/November 2003, P.O. Box 11727, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211-0727.



### Pioneer Roster Index available on the Internet

The Native Daughters of the Golden West maintain a permanent record of information concerning California pioneers who resided or were born in California before December 31, 1869.

This is a valuable research tool. The California State Library System has microfilmed the information. The information is available from the California State Library in Sacramento and the Sutro Branch in San Francisco. To date, they have some 33,000 pioneers registered.

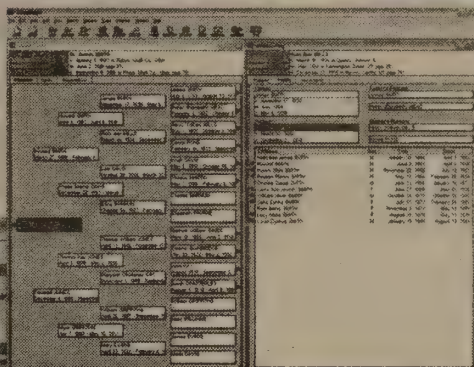
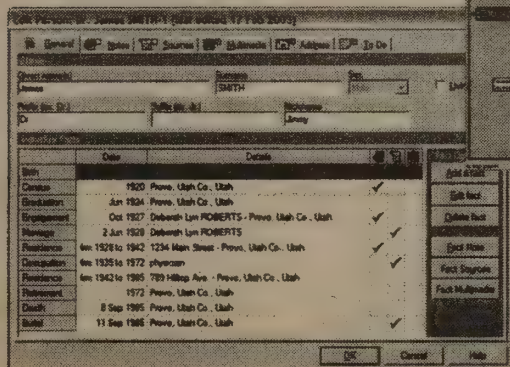
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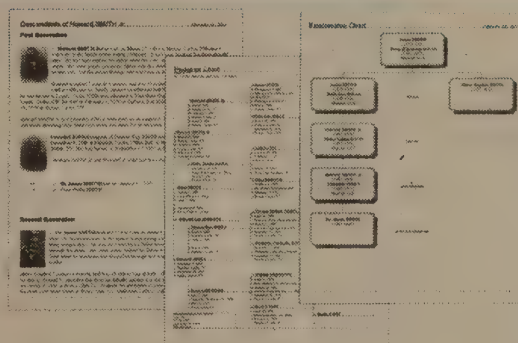
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An interesting web site for surnames is  
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The home page states: "find the ethnic origin and meanings of last names. Surname dictionary and genealogy helps include names of Irish, German, English, French, Italian and Jewish descent." An ancestral surname search will lead you to <Ancestry.com> where you can learn how many times your name appears in the 1920 and 1930 Federal census, as well as historical records.

Source: *The Green Country Quarterly*, Number 3, Fall 2003, Broken Arrow Genealogical Society, PO Box 1244, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74013-1244.

## Passenger Lists

Searches are now available on every existing passenger list of ships arriving at ANY port (NYC & others) 1600s - 1900s for your ancestor's arrival. Ship histories/photos also available. Send self-addressed stamped envelope for complete details.

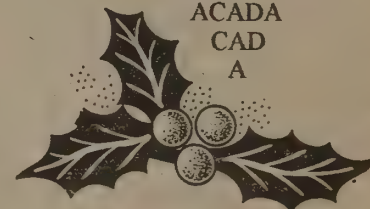
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## Useless, but interesting!

ABRACADABRA, a meaningless word once supposed to have a magical efficacy as an antidote against agues and other fevers. Ridiculously minute directions for the proper use of the charm was given in the *Praecepta de Medicina* of Serenus Sammonicus. The paper on which the word was written had to be folded in the form of a cross, suspended from the neck by a strip of linen so as to rest on the pit of the stomach, worn in this way for nine days, and then, before sunrise, cast behind the wearer into a stream running to the east. The letters of this word were usually arranged to form a triangle in one or other of the following ways:

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Special Thanks to *The Journal of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History*, P.O. Box 3115, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3115.

## Free charts and forms on the Internet!

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Many of the cards also include:

- \* Exact place of birth (including town in old country, if immigrant!)
- \* Number and type of dependents - father/mother/minor brothers or sisters/wife/children;
- \* Description of any previous military service, U.S. or foreign!
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## Nancy Sears presents speech in Madison County, Mississippi

In 1900 a monument honoring the memory of missionaries in the Lambuth family was dedicate in front of the Pearl River Methodist church in Madison County, Mississippi. Members of the Lambuth family have rendered ministerial and missionary service for more than 300 years. After moving to Mississippi and teaching the children of Reverend John R. and Nancy Lambuth, Mary Isabella McClellan of Cambridge, New York, married James William Lambuth. Shortly after their marriage in 1853, they became the first missionaries to China sponsored by the Mississippi Conference. In 1927 the church observed Lambuth Day.

The Clan MacLellan treasurer, Nancy Sears, was this year's guest speaker. Because the men in the Lambuth family were usually the focus of the annual event, Nancy's theme for her presentation was highlighting the work of Mary Isabella. Through her genealogy research, Nancy learned that Mary Isabella is her great-grandmother's sister, daughters of William Gordon McClellan and their great-granddaughters of Robert and Nicholas (Gordon) McClellan, who came from Kirkcudbright, Scotland in 1774.

It has been said that all mission work for girls and women of the Southern Methodist church owes its beginning to Mary Isabella. Using her teaching skills, she opened her first school in 1856. Letters written by her husband to the *New Orleans Advocate* editor describe their lives as missionaries in China and Japan. In 1886 they were transferred from China to Japan in order to assist in opening a mission there. After her husband's death, she continued her work in Japan, opening the Lambuth Bible and Training School. Their children were educated in the United States and continued the work of their parents. One became a Methodist Bishop, another became an educator at the Japanese Military Academy, and their daughter married a medical missionary. In addition, several of Mary Isabella's siblings went to Japan and China.

During her presentation, Nancy gave information about the Clan. One of the organizers of the event is Kathryn McLellan Clark, a distant cousin of Clan MacLellan co-founder Crawford McLellan. Another McLellan who often attends the event is Elma Heffner, a third cousin of Crawford, who is mentioned in *Think On*, Volume 11, Number 1, "Perhaps the first impetus (to founding Clan MacLellan) came when Crawford's cousin, Elma Heffner, asked him to organize a reunion of their mutual ancestor, great-great-grandfather William McLellan. About 200 descendants met in Mississippi in 1976 with Crawford serving as president for five years."

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## Books with Scottish Themes...

Peggy Baker,  
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Katie MacAlister: *Men in Kilts* (Onyx, ISBN 0-451-41113-7) *Fiction*

Kathie Williams, American mystery writer, is enamoured of all things Scottish. At an English mystery convention she fell hard for Iain MacLaren, who has taken a vacation from his sheep farm to meet the authors he's been enjoying.

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Norman MacDougall:



James IV (Tuckwell, ISBN 1-86232-006-3) *Biography*

James IV's reign promised a bright future, a period of enlightenment in the arts, advancement in science and government. All that ended when he led his troops down from the heights to a brutal defeat at Flodden Field.

MacDougall's biography updates that of MacKay (1982) and includes much new material, well documented in appendices and index. A very readable account of a man who was (arguable, of course) the best of the Stewarts.

### Betcha didn't know this about "our" Royce McNeill

Did you know that McNeill was an Appalachian State football player during the 1950s?

McNeill, along with football buddies, Jack Park, Fred Boger, Alvin Hooks and Dahl Bumgardner have remained close friends over the years. The group, now in their 70s, will have a meal at Elon University during December 2003 that they did not get when they played there 50 years ago.

The story goes that the Appalachian State football team was to have dinner in the Elon University dining hall after the game. But during the game, a fire broke out in dining hall, and everyone had to go back home hungry. However, on an upcoming Saturday, these long time friends plan on putting aside whatever else they're doing and meeting at Elon for the meal. It's a promise kept by Elon president Leo Lambert.

And they will watch their hosts play Appalachian State from the grandstands instead of from the field.

## Who chose Santa's color scheme?

Santa's red and white suit is based upon St. Nicholas, a minor saint from the fourth century with a reputation for generosity, kindness and performing miracles for children and sailors. Red and white were the colors of the traditional bishop's robes of that time, according to *How Christmas Works: The Complete Guide to Christmas Traditions* by Marshall Brain.

Why do we hang stockings on Christmas Eve?

Nicholas is said to have given gold coins to three poor girls who needed money for their wedding dowries, Brain writes. According to tradition, St. Nicholas left the coins in the girls' stockings, which they had hung by the fire to dry.

Thanks to *The Stovall Journal*, 6377 Limewood Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38134.



### The pioneers discovered "alternate fuels!"

On the trail west, the pioneers discovered an "alternate fuel"...and that was the collection of buffalo chips for cooking.

As the wagon trains got on the plains, there was a shortage of wood to burn for the camp fires, so it was soon found that buffalo chips burned fiercely and cooked as well as wood. Buffalo chips were a by-product of buffalo excrement consisting of grass, masticated and digested and dried in the sun. Not unlike what we know as "cow pies." Women and children collected these chips as they walked along the trail to use in the camp fires. One pioneer stated that meat cooked over buffalo chips needed no pepper!

Source: *Sequoia Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Volume 30, Number 9, November 2003, Tulare City Library Genealogical Department, 113 North "F" Street, Tulare, California 93274-3803.

### David Library is devoted to materials about American history

A privately endowed, non-profit foundation is the owner of one of the largest and best collections of Revolutionary War era records in the United States. Few genealogists have probably heard about it.

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The library is devoted to materials covering American history from about 1750 to 1800. It has 10,000 reels of microfilm and 40,000 books and pamphlets. Some of the materials are unique, and not available anywhere else. There are British materials from the Public Records Office and other repositories in England, others from Canadian and German archives. Included are early American government and military records, newspapers and periodicals from the 18th century.

The Library is located at 1201 River Road, one mile north of Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania. You can also find its website using Google, etc.

Source: *Kindred Spirits* via California Genealogical Society News 34:2, and *German-American Genealogy*, Immigrant Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7369, Burbank, California 91510-7369.



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Ward Weems will present a program which will add the "Now" portion of our

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Edith Wagner,

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gathered the name has been changed several times over the years.

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# Merry Christmas

## Burns Chronicle and Club Directory No. 1.

25th January 1892

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The vast majority of our 70,000+ subscribers are not members of a local Burns Club and may be unaware of an important publication aptly named the *Burns Chronicle*. Allow me to introduce you to it. I have enjoyed collecting these journals via eBay, from old Scottish bookshops, and have even received several volumes from Burnsian friends such as Thomas Keith of New York City and, most recently, Dr. Ross Roy of the University of South Carolina.

It is fascinating to read and study these journals that now total 46 volumes in my wee

Burns library. Just today I ordered nine additional ones from an ad in the *Burns Chronicle* by the Derby Scottish Association and Burns Club, England.

We all remember Derby as the "roundabout" who sent the Jacobite Army hurrying back to Scotland with a sulking Bonnie Prince Charlie being just a little over a hundred miles from his perceived lifelong destiny - London - to recapture the throne of England for his father.

The Robert Burns World Federation Limited recently made available the first nine



Dean Castle, home of the Robert Burns World Federation office. The roses in the background are named after Robert Burns and the ones in front after Jean Armour.

volumes (1892 - 1900) of the chronicle. No publication, in my opinion, defines a club's history as well as this annual journal, published since 1892. I have seen it referenced many times in books, articles, pamphlets, speeches and dissertations. Yes, blue collars and scholars alike, once they discover the journal, find it hard to let go.

In a break from reviewing a current published book, it is my pleasure to review the first chronicle dated 25 January 1892. For those of you unaware of that date, it is the day and month of Robert Burns' birthday that is celebrated around the world with good food, good drink, good fun and, sometimes, good speeches called "The Immortal Memory."

Since it is a bit impossible to have a "chat" with the authors, that usual column of ours will be omitted from this issue of *The Family Tree*.

The 1892 *Burns Chronicle* begins, naturally enough, with a "Brief Summary of the Life of Burns," written evidently by the editor, one John Muir, and is followed by a "Summary of the Posthumous History of Burns".

To me, the life of Burns was more exciting than the thousands of books written about him, and it is no less true of these first two articles. I feel that many great writers, like Hemingway for instance, led lives more interesting and complex than their books ever

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came close to capturing in print. The same is true for Burns.

When you consider the one book he wrote, *Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*, even though it can today bring \$60,000 for the Kilmarnock edition, it does not capture the total life experiences of the man who left us all too soon. It is a wonderful book of poetry, particularly if you speak Scottish. And, even though it tells a lot about Burns, it certainly does not tell us all there is to know about this marvelous human being.

His poetry has all the marks of exceptional greatness that has stood the test of critical scrutiny since his birth in 1759. His poetry is beautiful, smooth, comforting, humorous, sarcastic, manly, tender, caring, loving, and frankly at times, hard to understand unless you have a Scottish dictionary. Yet, his writings in poetry and song exhibit a genius beyond his years.

In this writer's opinion, it is in his letters where one sees the total Burns. Here he takes us through the prose of his life, a life rocked continually with near poverty, very hard work, and the long-term sickness that finally caught up with him in Dumfries where he died as a 37-year-old man. In his letters we find all of Burns, warts and all.

Again, his life, like that of Hemingway, can be said to be one of constant emotions in conflict. His life was extremely hard but full of love, if not money. Those who knew him best loved him most. Those who knew him least were very critical of him. That should tell you something. He loved his fellow man until they crossed a line. Then, with pen in hand, he could cut them to ribbons with wicked sarcasm.

Burns' love of books was second to none, yet he only wrote one volume.

Robert Burns was a man's man. Yet, like most of us, he would turn most quickly from a position he advocated if he thought it would cost him his job and crush his family financially.

Like any dirt farmer, he lived by the sweat of his brow. Allow me to digress at this

point. I like to use the phrase "dirt farmer" because my father, as a young married man, experienced some of the same hardships in his early years, as did Burns. I've heard that Dad lost what was called a "sixteen horse farm" back then when the Great Depression came along. Sounds very familiar to Burns and his own farming attempts in his part of Scotland.

My dad never went back to farming and neither did Burns.

My dad pulled up stakes and moved from North Carolina to South Carolina for a new beginning. Burns did the same.

Yet, Charlie Shaw carried with him over the years a stooped back from his early farming days even though he lived nearly twice as long as Burns.

It is difficult not to make comparisons when you reflect on the two men as to farming.

I had a "brief encounter of a close ki'd" with farming.

During one summer, I worked on a farm in Horry County, South Carolina that belonged to my beloved sister, Peggy, and her husband, Fred, a most honorable and loving man. I very vividly recall putting in tobacco. I learned what to do around the barn to help out, and I learned to drive the "drag" behind the mule to bring tobacco from the field to the barn. I would "hand" tobacco, but I was never allowed to "string" tobacco, that took a special talent. The work was hard.

Plowing cornfields with a mule and plow where the view is always the same is not all that exciting!

Farm life really makes you appreciate sundown but dread sunrise. The hours were long, but the home cooked meals were wonderful and the sweet bread we enjoyed in the afternoons instead of store bought cookies was a treat. But I learned that there were too many things farmers could not control - crop failure, low prices, and all too often, too little rain, and every now and then, too much rain.

No wonder farmers go to church and pray at mealtime and before going to bed at night. I did not learn all there is to know about farming or



Susan Shaw and Shirley Bell at Dean Castle in Kilmarnock by the Memorial Cairn honoring victims of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

plowing, or crops or cows, or killing hogs for fresh pork, but I'll never forget the smile of joy on my mother's face after I was paid \$63 for my work at the end of that summer and when I handed it all to her to help with the bills at home. It was the most money I had ever seen in my short lifetime. Like in the Burns home, money was scarce in those days. But I did learn as a lad of 13 and 14 enough to know that I would find another way to make a living!

Later, when my parents passed away three months apart in Mullins, South Carolina, Fred and Peggy took me in to live in their home in North Charleston and, greater still, took me into their bosom.

Yes, Fred had given up on farming, too!

Now, back to the *Burns Chronicle*.

The first journal continues with an article on his influence on American literature, a brief memoir of "Bonnie Jean", the topography of Kilmarnock, interesting chapters on the portraits of Burns, his music, and a brief note on the Burns Federation, which proclaims the journal as "the only publication wholly devoted to the interest of Burns students", which no one can dispute.

As a side bar, I get a kick out of some of the 1893 advertisements that helped offset the journal costs. Oddly, there were none in the first edition, but in the second one there is an advertisement for

H. Lauder & Co., "The Emporium" which proudly states, "Marriage and Mourning Orders Punctually Attended To".

Then there is "The Best Edition of 'Burns Works' Offered Cheap" - not inexpensive or a good bargain or a good buy but "cheap".

Scots will be Scots!

Even then the reputation of Burns was worldwide as "Poesie Di Robert Burns" is advertised with this explanation: "First attempted Translation of Burns into Italian" by Signor Ulisse Ortensi. Note the word "attempted" - hey, either it's in Italian or not. There is Dr. Thompson, a dispensing chemist which is similar to our pharmacist, whose ad states, "Nervetone is a positive cure for all Nervous Affections, Nervous Exhaustion, Nervous Debility, Loss of Nerve and Brain Power, Hysteria, Loss of Memory, Sleeplessness, Paralysis," and the beat goes on, but ends by claiming all of the above and the other dozen maladies that I did not mention are "... permanently cured

with Nervetone." Send me a truckload!

Yet my favorite one is from Shaw, Walker & Co. that unapologetically states that they were "Established to supply the public with Goods, at the *smallest possible profit*." (Italics mine.) Yeah, right! And to think a Shaw said that!

I am very grateful to Peter Westwood, Editor of the *Burns Chronicle*, and the Burns Federation for making these nine volumes available. Mr. Westwood is editor of *The Deltiology of Robert Burns*, a most unusual book about the life and work of Robert Burns as told through the media of illustrated postcards. He also edited *Jean Armour, My Life and Times with Robert Burns*. He is soon to publish the *Definitive Illustrated Companion to Robert Burns*, six volumes and over 4,000 pages, which many Burnsians look forward to buying.

I have only been a member of the Federation since February 2002 and attended my first local Burns Club meeting

just three years ago for their Christmas outing. Yet, I have quickly come to really enjoy the benefits of membership in both. I wish I had known about the Burns Club and the Burns Federation much earlier, but one plays the hand life has dealt you.

The journal, which now comes out three times a year, is a welcomed arrival at my home. If you are fortunate enough to have a local Burns Club, let me encourage you to join. Your life will take on an added dimension as you learn about Burns and enjoy the fellowship of some wonderful people. The warmth of friendship is ever present and never surpassed. No one enjoys

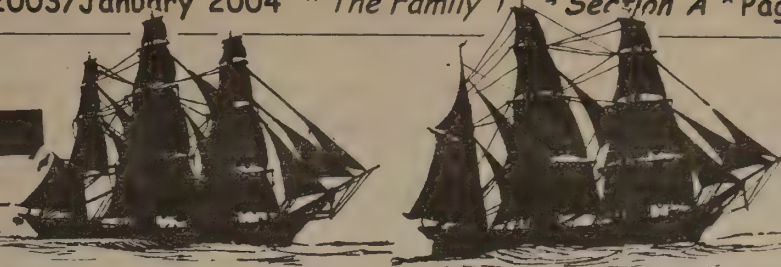
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# Ulster Roots....



Richard K. McMaster



## The Voyage of the Nancy 1767

We usually associate the term "coffin ships" with some of the sailing vessels that carried victims of the Irish Potato Famine to Canada and the United States in 1847-1851. Some earlier immigrant ships can be characterized as "coffin ships" as well and few more accurately than the *Nancy* of Belfast arriving at Charleston, South Carolina, on June 5, 1767 with many sick and dying passengers. The first newspaper reports were positive. "This day arrived here, in a ship from Belfast, about 240 protestants from the north of Ireland, intending to settle in this province, on the large bounty granted by the legislature." (*South Carolina and American General Gazette*, June 5, 1767.)

They were some of the many "foreign Protestants" who came to South Carolina between 1761 and 1768 to take advantage of the offer by the colonial authorities to pay their passage from Europe and give them land, tools, and seeds. Merchants and shipowners also found the South Carolina bounty worked to their advantage. By advertising a free passage to America they quickly filled their ships with passengers whose full freight would be paid on arrival in Charleston.

Most ship owners were content to collect the four pounds sterling paid by South Carolina for each adult passenger and two pounds for every child. They were spared the trouble of finding buyers for indentured servants or waiting for redemptioners to collect passage money from relatives and friends here. The Charleston firm of Torrans and Poaug, both from Ulster, generally handled application for the bounty money, found freight for the ship's return voyage, and shepherded the newly-landed immigrants through the process of applying for land and getting to the frontier settlements.

Robert Wills was a hardware merchant in Belfast, who did well enough to expand into the American trade with his own ships, importing flaxseed from Philadelphia and sending immigrants back on the same ship. He went to Pennsylvania in 1764 to set up the business. His partner was Samuel Jackson of Philadelphia. They advertised "Just imported by Wills and Jackson. A neat assortment of Irish linens and an assortment of hardware." (*Pennsylvania Journal*, November 1, 1764.) The partners owned two new ships, the *Belfast Packet* of 100 tons, and the *Nancy* of 80 tons, both built at Philadelphia. By the time the ships were registered in 1766 Wills was back in Belfast. The *Belfast Packet* had her maiden voyage sailing from Philadelphia to Belfast with the flaxseed ships in 1765. (*Pennsylvania Journal*, September 19, 1765.) Wills probably came home on this crossing. He advertised her to sail for Philadelphia by early March 1766 (*Belfast News Letter*, January 14, 1766) and the *Belfast Packet* arrived at Philadelphia in April, when the firm advertised: "Just imported in the ship *Belfast Packet*, from Belfast, and to be sold by Wills and Jackson at their store in Waterstreet. . . A parcel of dried Beef, in barrels and tierces; a good assortment of Irish Linens; also a few Servants, all likely lads, from 12 to 20 years of age." (*Pennsylvania Journal*, April 24, 1766.) The *Belfast Packet* made several more voyages after that.

Captain Samuel . . . took the *Nancy* on her first Atlantic crossing with a cargo of flaxseed for Belfast in 1766. (*Pennsylvania Journal*, October 30, 1766.) She was a new ship, registered at Philadelphia the same day as displacing 80 tons. The ship's tonnage was important as it was an official record of her size and an indication of the freight and passengers she could load. The rule-of-thumb

through the eighteenth century was that the number of passengers and crew should not be greater than the tonnage or one passenger per ton. The *Nancy* could crowd as many as 80 passengers on board, but they would be cramped for space.

With *Nancy's* arrival at Belfast, Robert Wills made his first venture into the lucrative bounty passenger trade to South Carolina. He and a new partner, William Ray of Ballyreany, advertised the *Nancy* to sail for Charleston in February 1767, promising a free passage and other advantages to all who could bring certificates of good character from their ministers. They said South Carolina would give 100 acres free to the head of the family and 50 acres for each child or servant, free of rent or taxes for ten years. In South Carolina they could raise two crops in one year. Wills and Ray scoured the province of Ulster for would-be emigrants with agents in Cookstown, Armagh, Portadown, Lurgan, Coleraine, Garvagh, and Ballymena. (*Belfast News Letter*, December 30, 1766, January 2, 1767, February 6, 1767.) They met with great success in recruiting passengers, delaying the sailing date to accommodate those who needed more time to be ready. (*Belfast News Letter*, March 3, 1767.) At the same time *Nancy's* advertised tonnage increased from 80 to 300 tons. And she sailed with close to 300 souls on board.

How many people were on board the *Nancy* when she reached South Carolina? When the South Carolina Council met on June 22, 1767 to allocate land and pay the bounty for the *Nancy's* passengers they were presented with a list of 237 names with their ages and apparently arranged in family groups. This list can be broken down to 128 passengers 21 years or older, 38 from 13 to 20 years, and 71 children from 2 to 12 years. On the same day they gave warrants for land to

148 adult passengers from the *Nancy* to settle "In or near Boonesborough or Belfast Township" in the 96 District. This list is printed in Janie Revill, *Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants to South Carolina* (Columbia, SC, 1939), 74-80. The Council ordered the bounty paid to the owners of the *Nancy* through their agents Torrans and Poaug. (*South Carolina Council Journal*, 33: 178-184.) The governor stopped payment until a full investigation by the legislature. Their final report gave the figure as 193 adult passengers and 50 children between two and twelve years. (*Journal of the Commons House of Assembly*, 545.) This is surprisingly close to the newspaper report of "240 more Irish settlers, from Belfast, in the ship *Nancy*." (*South Carolina Gazette*, June 15, 1767.) But John Torrans and John Poaug, the Charleston merchants who represented Wills and Jackson, stated in a petition for payment of the bounty that the *Nancy* "imported into this Province 284 Passengers." Was this the number who sailed from Belfast? Wills and Jackson said "three hundred or thereabouts" sailed on the *Nancy* when she left Belfast in March 1767.

Although the *Nancy* had a short passage to South Carolina, many died before they reached the American coast

because of the terrible overcrowding on board. Governor Charles Greville Montagu reported to the South Carolina

Assembly. As soon as they landed, "without Money, without Friends, or common necessities, and so sickly that altho' every possible care was taken

of them, upwards of Sixty died," after they were taken to the vacant military barracks. The Governor concluded that "their Sickness was principally to be attributed to such great Numbers of them being Crowded together at that inclement season of the Year." He had learned that the passengers were so crowded in specially constructed bunks below decks "it had not been allowed to Grown Persons above eight Inches room in width, when by contract they should have had eighteen."

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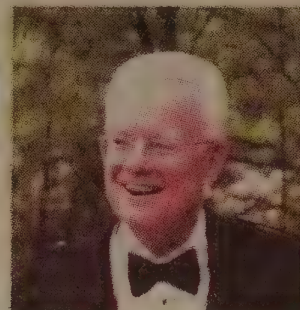
his Burns Club membership more than I do. Susan and I look forward to our monthly meetings.

The programs are not just on Burns but are varied since my Burns Club bills itself as a literary club, not a Scottish or exclusive Burns Club. Nevertheless, it is the membership that makes a club worthwhile. Our local club members are exceptionally friendly and, trust me, they know their Burns. Internationally, check out the Federation. Shirley Bell is a very talented Chief Executive, and Margaret Craig, Office Administrator, ably assists her. Ten minutes after you meet these two, you feel like you have known them forever. You do not have to be a member of a local Burns Club to join the Robert Burns World Federation. If you have any interest in joining, contact them at Robert Burns World Federation Limited, Dean Castle Country Park, Dower House, Kilmarnock KA3 1XB, South Scotland. You may phone or fax the office at 011-44-1563- 572469. Email: <robertburnsfederation@kilmarnock26.freemove.co.uk>. (11-12-03)



# Where is Bonnie Prince Charlie buried? *The St. Peter's Connection*

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When he was born, he was given the names Charles Edward Louis John Casimir Sylvester Xavier Maria. He is loved by some and reviled by many for trying to do the impossible.

Every time I hear *To Dream The Impossible Dream*, I think of this "rash adventurer."

We are told that his father loved to call him Carluccio, while his Polish mother addressed him as Carluso. To the rest of us, he was known simply as Bonnie Prince Charlie.

So, a long-time dream of mine came true a few weeks ago when I stood in awe before the Monument to the Stuarts at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. I've been anticipating this visit since 1994 when I read Rosalind K. Marshall's excellent book entitled *Bonnie Prince Charlie* and learned that he was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

Having read many books



Monument to the Stuarts at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome - paid for by George III.

about Bonnie Prince Charlie, (there are currently 27 volumes on "Charlie" in my library), studying the '45 with great interest over the years, visiting many of the places in Scotland concerning that unusual civil war, and walking over the battlefield at Culloden where it all ended for the Stuarts, I long ago came to the conclusion that my studies of Bonnie Prince Charlie would never be complete until I stood before that tomb in St. Peter's.

The last of the three Royal Stuarts are buried here, the Old and New Pretender, father and son, kings in their own right, as well as Cardinal York, Charlie's younger brother Henry, who turned to the church instead of the battlefield.

After years of harsh differences between the three men, the family tug-of-war is finally over, and they find themselves united in this monument.

What life could not unite, as is true in so many families,

death could!

In preparation for our trip to Italy, I asked Raymond Campbell Paterson, my friend and talented author of many Scottish books, where in St. Peter's I would find the Stuart monument. His return email stated, "As you pass through the (main) entrance of Saint Peter's in Rome, take a sharp left along to the corner and then a sharp right-and there, just in front of you, is the Stuart monument."

Interestingly, he went on to say that an Austrian Jacobite friend of his... "who once tried to lay some flowers (at the monument), was immediately pounced (upon) by Vatican security guards, concerned about bombs."

Not being artistically talented, it is difficult for me to describe this impressive Stuart Monument. There are portrait busts in profile of the father and two sons. The Old Pretender is placed between his two sons.



Monument to Maria Clementina Sobieska, mother of Bonnie Prince Charlie and Cardinal York; wife of the Old Pretender.

Cardinal York is one the left side with Bonnie Prince Charlie on the right. I do not know if there is symbolism here or not. The father and the Cardinal are facing each other. The King's back is to Bonnie Prince Charlie. Again, I have no idea if there is some hidden meaning in this or not. I do know that when Bonnie Prince Charlie left Rome for Scotland, he never saw his father alive again.

It is almost as if Charlie was desperate to win his father's approval and, to do so, he was possessed by an obsession to take back what belonged to his father, the throne of England. He came close, but he was not playing horseshoes.

Henry, the younger son, remained in Rome and other parts of Italy throughout his lifetime and spent much time with his father until his death. Evidently he was his father's favorite, as evidenced by a comment to a friend, "I really am in love with the little Duke, he is the finest child that can be seen."

Some historians say their personalities were very much alike. They were to remain close while Charlie and his father were estranged over the years.

At the top of the monument, you will find two lions rampant, and below the busts are two lovely mourning angels with bowed heads leaning on two upside-down torches at

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they are about to extinguish. A door between the two angels is inscribed with these words from the Bible: "Blessed are those who die in the Lord."

I imagine some people on opposite sides of the conflict during the '45 would disagree with this sentiment.

Much to my pleasure, there on the wall opposite the Stuart monument is a tribute to the wife and mother of these three men, Maria Clementina Sobieska, niece of King John II of Poland. She is portrayed in medallion form that is held by a cherub and by a statue of Charity.

Under this tribute to her is an exit from the dome. It is said that on the Pope's personal orders, she was given a magnificent funeral.

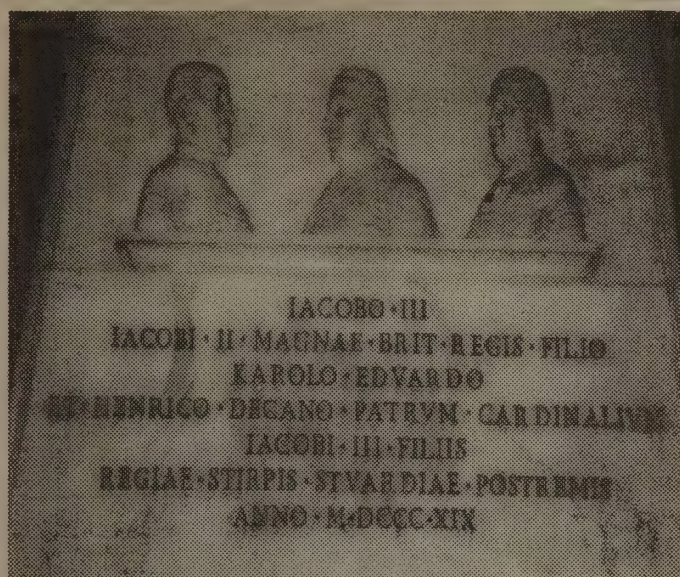
In describing the Monument to the Stuarts, in his book *St. Peter's, Guide to the Square and the Basilica* (translated by Kate Marcelin-Rice), Nicolo Suffi writes, "George III of England covered the expenses of this monument, begun in 1817 and completed in 1821."

Another author summed it up by saying, "These last three Stuarts lie in the crypt of St. Peter's in Rome, unaware that their marble monument was in part paid for by the Hanoverian George III."

When Cardinal York died, he had styled himself "Henry IX", but all knew it was an empty title, and he knew it as well. Having lost all his money in the French Revolution with his palace being sacked by the French Army, the British government saw that Henry got to Venice safely. George III sent him a "generous gift of money". It is said that the good Cardinal York bequeathed the last few British Crown jewels still in Stuart possession to George III's eldest son. So between these two acts of generosity from the House of Hanover, another reconciliation takes place, that of the House of Stuart and the House of Hanover. Death has a way of solving old animosities and allowing the victors to be generous and magnanimous if they choose.

**Heartfelt tributes to Mac and Dede**

As an addendum to this piece, I want to pay tribute to two of the best people I have



**Busts of (l-r) Cardinal York, the Old Pretender and Bonnie Prince Charlie.**

ever known. Two wonderful friends recently passed away – Furman "Mac" Ammons and Dede Tignor. Both will be missed by a great host of friends.

I am a better person today because of these two Scottish friends.

Mac loved his Scottishness almost as much as he did his brother's North Carolina BBQ. He talked of both a lot, always with the warmest of smiles accompanied by that soft chuckle in his voice. He encouraged me to read more and more of Robert Burns. We visited together many times at meetings of our Atlanta Burns Club, the Atlanta St. Andrew's Society, The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, and at other social events throughout the year.

Write this down about Mac Ammons - he was a gentleman, a good man, and a credit to the Scottish community.

Susan and I were asked to join the Atlanta St. Andrew's Society by Dede the night we met at the first Tartan Day function at the British Consul's home. She eagerly volunteered to be one of our sponsors. I can honestly tell you that there was only one Dede. She was that rare, vivacious, gracious lady who never failed to greet you with a beautiful smile, a kind word, and a warm hug, always

asking questions about you individually and your family which was her way of reaching out to let you know she loved and cared for you and yours.

friend so she could recall facts about them when they met again. Dede was a teacher, and I've always thought how lucky the students were to sit at her feet. We had many good times together that will never be forgotten.

To the spouses of these two beautiful people, Lore Ammons and Wes Tignor, I know you will cherish the many happy

years you had together. How fortunate you were to have had them over the years, as they were to have you. Thanks for sharing a little of each of them with all of us. Our lives are richer with more meaning. We mourn with you and share your grief as much as we are capable of and simply say, "God bless you".

**Thieves overpower guide and steal \$47 million painting**

London - Two thieves posing as visitors overpowered a guide at a Scottish castle and stole a painting thought to be by Leonardo da Vinci, police said.

The *Madonna with the Yarnwinder* was taken from the private collection at Drumlanrig Castle in southern Scotland, which is home to one of Scotland's richest landowners, the Duke of Buccleuch.

Police said that the thieves stole the work after overpowering the female guide about 11 a.m. Investigators were looking for four men seen driving near the castle in a white car and have released descriptions of two men. The painting's value is estimated to be about \$47 million.

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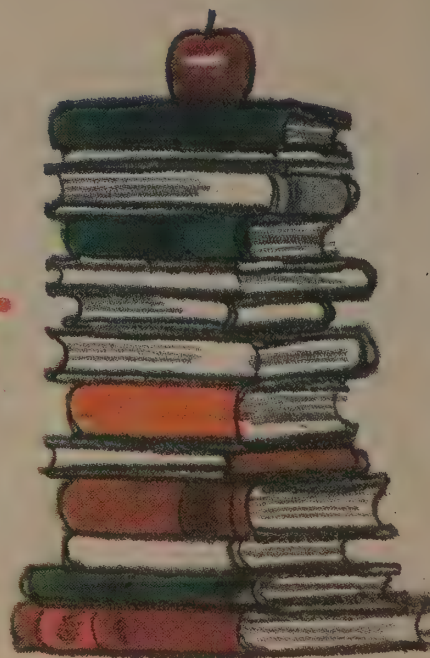
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The Canton-Akron Scottish Heritage Association hosts their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Burns Night Dinner on Saturday, January 24, 2004. The event will be from 6:00 PM to 11:30 PM at the Martin University Center, 105 Fir Hill in Akron.

Enjoy an evening of Scottish entertainment featuring The Akron & District Pipe Band, the Tigh Na Creige Highland Dancers, and music for Scottish Country and ballroom dancing by the Gordon Shaffer Band and lots more.

For more information call Christie Walsh at 330-867-1030 in Akron or Bob Graham at 330-456-0867 in Canton. All reservations must be received



### Ohio Scottish Games invite you to new location!

Look for the 2004 Ohio Scottish Games at their new location, the Lorain County Fairgrounds, Wellington, Ohio. The fairgrounds are 8 miles south of Oberlin on Route 18, one mile west of Route 58. There is unlimited on-site parking and on-site campground with hook-ups. Walkways are paved and it is handicap accessible.

The event will be held Saturday, June 26, 2004 with the welcoming ceremonies and massed pipe bands, as well as all the special Scottish events. There will be food and entertainment, children's games, British cars and motorcycles displays, and a host of other great areas to visit. And of course, the Ceilidh after the games.

For ticket information, any questions, or to be on the 2004 OSG mailing list, call 440-835-9794 or e-mail <[cgilchbvoh@aol.com](mailto:cgilchbvoh@aol.com)> by January 9, 2004.







# THE FAMILY TREE

News from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library

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## Peterson, Ruth, Bain & McKenzie track down boney guy to win nice prizes in our Skeleton Hunt!

Margaret J. Peterson of Melvin Village, New Hampshire has won the absolutely fantastic prize from Bennett Celtic Art! Alice N. Ruth of Spruce Pine, North Carolina has won the Carl Peterson CD *Scotland Remembers the Alamo*. Ruth Bain of Sierra Vista, Arizona has scrutinized our pages to find the skinny fella to win a tartan dog collar from Bonbright Woolens. Joseph C. McKenzie of Bethel, Connecticut has found that elusive little one to win a box o' haggis from The Caledonian Kitchen!

Winning subscriptions to *Reunions Magazine* are Jan Mason of Catawissa, Missouri; Dianne MacEachern of Whiting, Indiana; Frances A. George of Fayetteville, Tennessee; Jay Beasley of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Kathryn Carol Legan Anderson of Olney, Illinois; James J. Stewart of Manahawkin, New Jersey; Dolores Smith of Newport, Oregon; Roy A. Dray of East Liverpool, Ohio; Clifton R. Brooks of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Alene L. Carroll of Bracey, Virginia!

### How can you win?

It's about the most comfortable hunting trip there is! All you have to do is carefully search our pages for a leetle-bitty skeleton running from his closet! When you spy him, simply write down his location on a post card and mail it - along with your own name and address - to: Skeleton, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828. You might also wish to note your favorite tartan in case you win the tartan dog collar!

We have a drawing from amongst all of the entries...and lots of folks win nice prizes.

You do not have to get up early, wear rubber boots or camouflage clothing...be cold or mosquito bait. Just look for the skeleton in our *Family Tree* pages!

### Prizes next time?

We'll have ten subscriptions for Edith Wagner's great publication, *Reunions Magazine*; a wonderful packet of art from Bennett Celtic Art; one of Carl Peterson's *Scotland Remembers the Alamo* CDs; a dog collar in your favorite tartan from Bonbright Woolens or a box o' delicious haggis from The Caledonian Kitchen.

### Why?

We do this to get finding "the skeleton in our family closet" out of the way (Everyone has them...well, except for Mrs. MacLeod...)...and because it's fun!

Not only a proofreader and computer repair cat...but a "cat-scanner" too! Meet Dr. Narra!



Doctor Narra The Wonder Cat who performed hourly "cat-scans" of your editor for the first week home from the hospital. Note the little bags under her eyes as she was on duty 24-7. (See her stethoscope!) Doc Narra was assisted by Peggie Hairry Morris and Sylvester Highway - both of whom showed heretofore unknown talents for nurse duty! They perfected the "cat-blanket" therapy. Cat-blanket means that when sleeping, Beth was covered from head to toe by some cat-part.

## How to know you're growing older...

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

You feel like the night before, and you haven't been

anywhere.

You decide to procrastinate, but then never get around to it.

Your knees buckle, but your belt won't.

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## Chris Robertson has Bonniest Knees

The Bonniest Knees Contest at Murfreesboro, Tennessee this year was won by Chris Robertson of Clan Donnachaidh (center, back row).

Scott Young (back right) placed 2nd and Shawn Young (back left) placed 3rd - both representing Clan Wallace.

Distinguished (!) judges for this event were Alana Nigro from Clan Carmichael, *Family Tree* editor, Beth Gay, and Charlene Young from Clan Pollock!





CROWD SCENE OUTSIDE OF THE  
TODAY SHOW.

## You saved us! Postage Heroes return to save the day for *The Family Tree*! Many thanks to each and every person!

Last time was almost the real last time. Our small contributions just went away. Why? Who knows?

However, if that had happened again...this paper would not be in your hands at this moment. If it does happen again...this paper will be history.

So, from the bottom of my little heart...I thank each of you who have cared enough to support this publication with your financial help.

Please think of us whenever you write checks. If each and every person who receives this paper were to just send us \$6.00 per year...we'd be home free and secure!

Thank you!

From the northern regions of **Alaska**, our Postage Hero was Norman MacDonald. Thank you for your wonderful support!!!

What would we ever do without our Postage Heroes in **Alabama**! We heard from Ruby C. Fargason, Judith Walton Comer, Katherine J. Henderson, Janie R. Trusty, John H. Fargason, Peggy Sheffield, Mrs. Norma Longsine, Warren & Polly Henderson, Scott Stone, Herschel Green and Katharine Garstka.

From the land of the western sun, the state of **Arizona**, Postage Heroes are Sally Pavia, Dorothy M. Jackson, Mary E. Ashcraft, Kay M. Foote, Kenneth W. & Janet V. Newsome, and Patricia R. Peterson...thank you, thank you!

We did hear from **Arkansas** and those wonderful Postage Heroes are John P. Houston. Many, many thanks!!!

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B. J. McNabb, Francis W. McIntosh, Mr. & Mrs. David T. Thomas, William M. & Patricia A. Southall, Cherie Swenson, Virginia Elrod, Mary F. Allred and Mrs. Nancy Zon. Thanks to you all many times over.

We heard from wonderful Postage Heroes in **Colorado**: Gerald Huston, Shelly J. Nauman, Madge E. Wright, Gene E. Henderson, Diane Coblenz, Kaye Mullenax, Mr. R. Dunn and Robert W. MacDonald. Thanks very much!!!

There are fantastic Postage Heroes up there in **Connecticut**. We appreciate so much hearing from David Kiley and Mrs. Dorothy McAteer.

In the lovely state of **Delaware**, our Postage Heroes are Judy & Tom Kimble. Many thanks to you!!!

From the sunshine state of **Florida**, our Postage Heroes include Mr. & Mrs. Mark Cohn, Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Stewart, Kathleen A. Munroe, Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Bridges, Dr. Charley Scott, Martha Kemp Sykes, Lawrence O. Walls, K. H. Wilkinson, C. J. Eichelberger, Maryellen Jozwiak, Harvey Beckwith, Mrs. Dorothy N. Cart, Cecile Purcell, Barbra & Arden A. Bartz, Betty J. Tague, Frieda Randles, David & Phyllis Stevenson, Robert B. Veech, Mr. & Mrs. H. N. Lewis, Rita Macdonald, Patrick H. Bowers, F. H. Robertson, Dawn Mitchell Gari, Donald Traves, George A. May, William M. MacDonald, Ronald G. Munro, Russell Henderson, Robert N. Montgomery, Kathleen Dowell, Isobel L. Carroll, Mildred H. Williams, Janice Smith, Betty Green, Margaret Murdock McGough, Lucy Dodd Myers, Mary J. Russ, Norma O'Berry Morrell, Mary Murphy, Sibil Bray, Lois Lindsay, Dr. Phyllis Burnes Parker and Merle Griswald.

The peach state of **Georgia** gave us "peachy" Postage Heroes, namely Brenda I. Ashley, H. J. Forbes, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilcox, James & Janilee LaBastie, William H. McNeil, Ron Holley, Leroy W. Gardner, John Harvin, Mrs. Marie Halstead, Mary Wilson, Christine M. Hamm, Beverley Starr, Al & Conoly Hester, Rita D. Oster, Stan Moseley, Anne Bayne,

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We also heard from **Idaho**, the state where great Postage Heroes live. Many thanks to Jeanne Peterson.

Many thanks to those wonderful people in **Illinois**, who are outstanding Postage Heroes: Jean Campbell, June L. Johnson, Fred V. Ballinger, Helen C. Teter, Kenneth M. McLeod, William & Joan Griffiths, Patricia Say-

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What would we ever do without fabulous Postage Heroes in **Kentucky**? People like Tim Wallace, Melanie Sinnette and Nancy Sears. Thanks very much!

From the crawfish state of **Louisiana**, our Postage Heroes are Thomas Fernon, Jane B. Chaffin, Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Bailey, Jr., Sam Donald, Lorraine Monroe, Smithfield Fair, Sarah M. Rains, Mark & Tasha Ferguson. We appreciate your help!

Way up in the corner of the US from **Maine**, we have an anonymous Postage Hero. You have no idea how much we appreciate hearing even from anonymous contributors. Thanks so much! But we also heard from Deborah Cross. Thanks to you also!

**Maryland** has fantastic Postage Heroes who send great donations. Huge thanks to Robert H. Moore, Jr.,

Alfred C. Young, Kay Shaw Nelson, Alta Thomann, Mrs. Marion H. Penchansky, James E. Crockett and Craig Lowry.

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All the way from **Minnesota** we heard from our Postage Heroes named Carol B. Cramer, Ellen G. Fredlund, Donald and Joyce Sage.

Of course, we always love to hear from the Postage Heroes in **Mississippi**, like Gray W. Harrison, Jr. Bertie Nelson, Barbara Nichols, Word G. Taylor and Dr. & Mrs. L. L. McDowell.

We greatly appreciate hearing from Daniel Merrick, Hugh A. McGaughy, Charles Amsler, and Jane C. Webb in **Missouri** as Postage Heroes. Thank you so very much!

Thank you ever so much for the

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Our Postage Heroes from **New Hampshire** include Jean Ouellette. Thanks very much!

And in **New Jersey** our Postage Heroes are Helen McWhorter. We appreciate you!

It was especially nice to hear from the Postage Heroes in **New Mexico**. Thanks to Marvin W. Henderson.

From the Big Apple of **New York**, we heard from Margaret Hume, Byron Lloyd, Charles A. Spence, Joan P. Senno, Robert D. Hall, Mrs. Jan Adam, Hal Lewis, and John R. Brown.

**North Carolina**'s Postage Heroes include Michael Dismukes of Clan Scott, Jack Moncrief, Robert S. Morrison, Sheila A. Brown, Frances Hobbins, William C. Powell, M.D., J. D. McClain, and Anne Grantham. Thanks to all of you wonderful friends!

Many thanks to the great Postage Heroes in **Ohio**, namely Karen K. Vanover of Clan Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cunningham, Jr., Tim McDaniel, Cathy Leininger, Ann Molleson, Charles W. Wallace and Gene McReynolds.

Our kind Postage Hero friends from **Oklahoma** include this time Mrs. Bonnie Bolding and Jennifer Sparks.

From way up there in the northwest state of **Oregon** we heard from Jim McKeenan and Robert Bailey as Postage Heroes. Thank you ever so much!!!

**Pennsylvania** has fabulous Postage Heroes and they are Susan Arkwright, William F. Griffiths, John McKenzie, Mrs. Marion J. Jordan, J. Arndt Weicksel, Bonita Yuhas, Donald J. Armstrong, Donald Smiley, Mrs. Jack G. Armstrong, Stephen G. & Jane L. Murphy, Nancy Gulliford and Ruby Byars.

Little but BIG is **Rhode Island** where there are fantastic Postage Heroes named Julia Borden. Thank you so much!!!

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## Flowers

## of the Forest

The death on October 30<sup>th</sup> of Lady Macpherson of Cluny, dear wife of the Honorable Sir William Macpherson of Cluny and Blairgowrie, 27<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan Macpherson, came as a great shock to many of their clansmen and clanswomen, for less than three weeks earlier she had been her customary charming self at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the United States Branch of the Clan Macpherson Association in Roswell, Georgia.

Less vigorous perhaps than usual she had nevertheless taken a great delight, as always, at being with her husband and meeting old and new friends. A few days after their return to Scotland, she was found to have cancer and, following an operation, died peacefully in a hospital.

Born Sheila McDonald Brodie in 1931 in India, where her father, from Castle Douglas in Scotland, was a banker, she attended school in Scotland before joining her parents in Kenya, when her father was by then serving with the National Bank of India. After the Second World War, she took a secretarial course in Edinburgh and subsequently spent some time there before moving to work in London as a personal assistant to the head of the National Association for the Paralyzed, work which she found particularly satisfying.

One Saturday in 1956 she and a friend attended a rugby football match involving the London Scottish team and afterwards met an ex-captain of that team, a distinguished young barrister. After a lengthy courtship, she and William Macpherson were married in St. Columba's by the Castle in Edinburgh in December 1962.

Their lives together were spent mainly in London while William Macpherson's legal career progressed from barrister to a knighthood as Judge of the High Court of Justice and later to Presiding Judge, Northern Circuit. But they always regarded Newton Castle, Blairgowrie, Perthshire as their home. Sheila became adept at running two homes, as well as finding time to raise three devoted children.

It was in 1969 when her

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## Ladies...and those who love ladies... please read this...

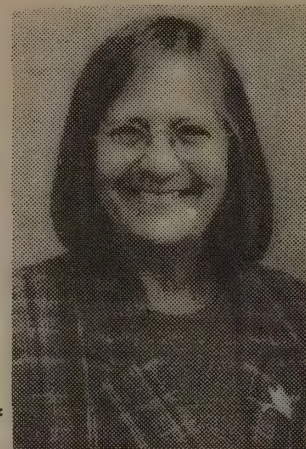
I've learned just recently that heart attacks are some of the time very different for women. Symptoms masquerade as "non-serious" things...My heart attack crept up on me as an (sorry this isn't more glamorous) "urge to burp!" There was absolutely no pain.

I didn't know whether to tell the story here or not...and then was told that almost nobody realizes the difference in heart attack symptoms between men and women. (I surely did not.)

Please read this and beware. Please don't ignore it when you feel "funny." Please ask your own doctor for a list of heart attack symptoms in women. Please take care of you and your loved ones!

## A letter from your editor.....

Beth Gay, DGOTJ,  
FSA Scot - Editor-in-Chief  
The Family Tree



## "Rumors of my demise...."

Was it Samuel Clemmons who said, "Rumors of my demise have been greatly exaggerated?"

I am so glad to be able to say the same thing! On October 13, a Monday morning at 8:05, while loping down a beautiful country road under clear skies...someone "touched" me in the center of my chest. It didn't hurt...it was annoying...but I loped on another quarter of a mile home and put out fire ant bait.

Finishing that chore, I went inside - but had started to feel a little light-headed.

"I don't think I feel good," I said to Mel.

"Aw...you'll be OK," he said, as I had never been really sick in the 32 years of our marriage.

I broke out in a cold sweat and decided a call to our State Merit Insurance Nurse Call would be a good thing. By the time I dug the card out of my purse and called the number, I was also out of breath. It was beginning to dawn on me that I was not anywhere near OK.

After I said a few words, the Registered Nurse on the other end of the phone said, "Hang up the phone and call 911."

Within 30 seconds, First Responders, Nancy Patterson and Gordon Crosby, were here. They were professional and kind and didn't mind that I was sweaty and grubby from my morning run.

Within a few minutes, Wayland Gay and the 911 ambulance were here (Yes, Wayland is Mel's cousin!). Wayland held my hand all the way to the Colquitt Regional Medical Center but wouldn't stop at Krystal Burger for me!

"I have to be well by Thursday," says I. "It's Stone Mountain!"

Dr. Michael Villano and the staff at CRMC administered the "clot buster" shot...and I lost some time. Beth<sup>2</sup> Alligood was there and I understand The Rev. Dr. Hugh Buchanan Ward was there - but I don't really remember anything else until they asked me where I would like to go for treatment. Tallahassee Memorial in Tallahassee, Florida!

An almost 80 mile ride with Wayland and the 911 ambulance...admittance to the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit...great doctors and nurses...a three-day stay...angioplasty and a fancy stent...and I'm going to be fine!

I'm told that thanks to the quick work of everyone, I have "minimal to zero" damage and, because I don't smoke, eat healthily and exercise - I have a better than 95% chance that the stent will be fine forever.

Mel and our dear friend, Woody Bowers, went to Stone Mountain and worked and worked - but I was under "house arrest" and not allowed to go.

Only two weeks later, I am back at work and doing just fine.

I would like to thank everyone who performed flawlessly in the saving of my grubby little self.

I would like to thank all of you who sent emails and cards and letters and "pretties" and flowers and who were so kind.

You will never know what your good wishes and love and care and concern means to me.

I have hugs-in-waiting for you all!

Much love....

*Beth*

## The mystery flower saga continues...

Trevia Wooster Beverly, who is with *Tejas Publications & Research* in Houston, Texas, wrote to say: "The name of your 'mystery flower' is *Alstroemeria pelegina* - Peruvian lily.

"My mother had them for years and hers, too, grew at the base of an old pecan tree and flourished. Before she died I brought some home with me, but they do not do as well as hers. I think it may be the soil conditions - the leaves contain tannic acid and I presume the tree may also. Whatever the reason is that the ones I brought home do not do as well, I will be looking for a more suitable place. Of course, it may also just be that she had a wonderful 'green thumb.'"

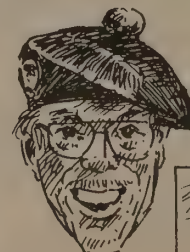
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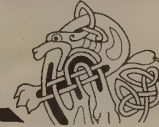


## Lowland Scots

## The other 70%



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Just a little over 20 miles south of Edinburgh and 35 miles north of England lies the small town of Peebles at the junction of the Eddleton Water (the Cuddy) and the Tweed River.

To the south is Tweedsmuir where Covenanters were prominent. Eddleston is to the north, as is Broughton village where John Buchan, writer, soldier, and politician lived.

As Lord Tweedsmuir he became the governor-general of Canada.

Nearby is Innerleithen where there is an iron age hillport which is about 2000 years old. There are 7 stone cairns there which are arranged to show the outline of an iron age house. Each tells of some history of the district. From what I understand a hillport was a very early defensive area.

Also in Innerleithen is the megalith, The White Stone. This megalith, built by ancient man to study the stars, has a mark for the "center of heaven", as well as the constellations of Ursa Major and Draco (wasn't that the name of the Dragon in *Dragonheart*?). The stars, Micar and Denab are also depicted there.

Peebles started as a small cluster of houses around nearby Neidpath castle and in 1367 was granted Royal Burgh status by King David II. Its original settlers were said to have come from Flanders (between Belgium and the Netherlands). Peebles straddles the Tweed where it is quite wide and fast and was known for its brewing and woolen mills with high quality knitted products. There is also a Mercat Cross with an unusual design. (A Mercat Cross signified that a town was a marketing town). There is an

octagonal stone design with 3 fishes and strawberries (the latter taken from the coat of arms of the Fraser family, which once owned nearby Neidpath Castle).

Here in the center of town the market was held as well as proclamations and news communicated. The town was later (in the 1800s) famous as a spa, and is now a mountain resort area.

In 1892 its golf course was designed by James Baird, famous for designing many courses throughout Scotland. In and around Peebles is evidence of both ancient to fairly recent castles and great homes, some barely recognizable and others like Neidpath and Traquair in excellent shape.

This area was often the scene of battles and at one time the town itself was occupied by Cromwell's army during his siege on The Douglas at Neidpath. Two ancient church ruins are also there, St. Andrew's church - founded in 1197 - and Cross Kirk which was founded by Alexander III in 1261.

Cross Kirk was built on the area where an old stone cross had been found.

Just north of Peebles and south of Broughton is the remains of the Wrae Tower, a 16th century tower house. Several of the castles are known for their hauntings.

Neidpath has the White Woman, a wraith who simply flits about the castle. She is said to be the ghost of a woman who died of a broken heart. Visitors to the Cross Key Hotel started seeing visions of Marion Ritchie, a former landlady, in the 1970s. She apparently also breaks things, turns lights on and off, and performs

other small irritating acts.

In 1782 the castle, later to be named Castle Venlaw, was built by the Sheriff Deputy of Peebleshire. It was a Scottish Baronal style castle and has passed through the hands of the Grants, Erskines, and Davidsons families to name a few. It, too, has its own haunt.

In one of the bedrooms

where a guest reportedly committed suicide, sighing can often be heard.

Peebles has been celebrating the Beltaine Festival for centuries. As part of this festival they have also performed The Riding of the Marches, where young men known as Callants rode out to check the boundaries of the lands owned

by the town. James the 1st is recorded as having been to this celebration in the 15th century.

Originally celebrated on the 1st of May to herald the oncoming summer, Peebles has moved its Beltaine and The Riding of the Marches to the third week of June and includes a Beltaine Sports Festival (our version of a Highland Games).

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An all-fields search for "Genealogy" returned five records. History returned 929 records. Record information includes title, publication information, physical description, pricing and binding information, classification number, and notes.

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If anyone has any information that can be of any help to Myrna please contact her at the above address or phone her at 336-765-9091.

### Anybody know anything about these folks?

ROBERTSON, ROBERT: Where in North Carolina might the ROBERTSON Families coming early from Scotland, I believe from Argyll, have settled? I believe our ROBERTSON Families came early to North Carolina, settling on the eastern coast area. I believe as early as 1715 or 1745. Might this be the area the Families settled? My grandfather ROBERT ROBERTSON, one of the youngest, if not the youngest, was born c.1833. No other member of this large family is known. Apparently ROBERT, one of a large family of boys, was orphaned at an early age. According to census records ROBERT's parents too were born in North Carolina. ROBERT and CATHERINE A. GABER married September 3, 1859, Douglas County, Illinois. One son was born in Illinois, five more sons were born in Indiana before the family settled in south-eastern Colorado where ROBERT died April 8, 1905. Any help would be very much appreciated. Mabel I Robison, 2235 Juntura Ct. S., Salem, OR 97302-2222.

I have the following lines: BARNWELL, BYRD, STRICKLAND, RUSSELL, WHITE, WATKINS and WEAVER. I believe that RUSSELL and STRICKLAND might possibly be Scottish. Am I correct? I am quite interested in the RUSSELL Family, since my great-grandfather married in Hall County, Georgia, in 1824 to MARTHA RUSSELL and his brother married a MARY RUSSELL. I think they came to Georgia from South Carolina. I would love to hear from anyone who could help me with information about them. Ms. Marion B. Watkins, 1434 Hawthorne Way, East Point, GA 30344-1749.



# Sinterklaas

Marilyn Van Voorhis Voshall

## Sinterklaas history and traditions

Did you know that there are two bishops by the name of Nicholas? Both lived and died between 250 and 546 AD. The lesser known was Nicholas, Bishop of Pinora. St. Nicholas was Bishop of Myra, now in Turkey, and called Demre. Pinora, Myra, and Patara were in Lycia, then known as Asia Minor.

St. Nicholas was born in 271 AD in Patara and died on December 6, 342 or 343. Recently his original tomb was found by archeologists. His family was Christian and moderately wealthy. When he was only 9 years old, his parents died in an epidemic. Since the church took him in, he later gave all his wealth to the poor and became a priest. Eventually he was made the Bishop of Myra. There are many legends about his good works. The people loved him and he was regarded as a saint.

Around 1087 the Muslims captured Myra. Christian sailors, financed by local Christian merchants, took the bones of St. Nicholas to Bari, a seaport in southern Italy. Here they built a mausoleum for him.

Bari then became the center for worship of St. Nicholas. For an unknown reason the Dutch later had the saint sailing to the Netherlands from Spain.

In the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries the Netherlands built 2<sup>3</sup> churches named for St. Nicholas. He became the patron saint of Amsterdam as well as several other European towns. Because he so often aided poor children and traveled a lot, he became their patron saint too.

Today he is also the patron saint of merchants. Guess why!

In the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the choir boys of St. Nicholas churches were given money and a holiday on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Later monks teaching in convent schools would disguise themselves as Sinterklaas (an abbreviated form of Sint Nicolaas/St. Nicholas) and either reward or punish the students according to their behavior.

Also in the 14<sup>th</sup> century the convent schoolboys paraded through the streets during the Christmas season. One was dressed as a bishop. The others collected money for the church. Today in certain areas children, sometimes

dressed as the magi, still collect food and money for the poor. Special songs are sung during this event. They also play a unique drum (called the foekepot or rommelpot) and usually some type of flute.

Zwarte Piet (Black Peter) originally was a Turkish orphan who became a helper or servant of Bishop Nicholas and traveled with him as his constant companion. His dark features were a big contrast to the blond Dutch so they envisioned him as black. Another tradition attributes his blackness to soot from all the chimneys he has to climb down. (Coal dust is extremely hard to wash off! There is more about chimneys later.)

In Medieval and Renaissance paintings Sint Nicolaas is shown with long white hair and beard, wearing a bishop's vestments (a mitre and red cloak over a white robe) and carrying a gold crosier (staff). On the other hand, Zwarte Piet is depicted with bright red lips and dark curly hair, wearing a gold earring and colorful clothes styled from the middle ages. His costume may vary a little from place to place except for the puffed hat with its long feather.

Sinterklaas always rides a Schimmel, a white or light grey horse. Zwarte Piet walks beside the horse (or sometimes rides another horse) and carries a bag of sweets and presents and perhaps a roede (rod) or switch (for whipping naughty children). In inclement weather they have been known to ride in a horse-drawn carriage. Somehow through the ages Sinterklaas was thought to come from Spain, and he obviously modernized his ship from sails to steam. *I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In*, an old English carol, evolves to *Zie ginds komt de stoomboot* (See, Yonder Comes the Steamboat) for the Dutch.

Supposedly Sinterklaas departs Spain for the Netherlands a few days after Martinmas held on November 11<sup>th</sup>. He traditionally arrived on December 5<sup>th</sup> but now it is in mid-November. Today he has many helpers (about 20

Zwarte Pieten). The Mayor of Amsterdam and a delegation of dignitaries welcome him along with large crowds of people, usually with children. TV cameras broadcast the show live. During the parade the Zwarte Pieten throw pepernoten ('ginger snaps') to the crowds from large bags. Children are told that, if they are bad, these empty bags will be used to carry them off to Spain. (Pepernoten are listed later under Sinterklaas Holiday Treats.) Every town has a reception for Sinterklaas with the Mayor and his delegation. Children who wonder at the sight of so many Sinterklazen are told that he could not possibly make the rounds without lots of help; so hulp-Sinterklazen (people who dress up like him to help) are necessary. This explanation sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Gifts are given on Strooi avond (St. Nicholas Eve or, literally, straw evening), the night of December 5<sup>th</sup>. This evening may also be called Pakjesavond (Parcels Evening). Sinterklaas usually rides his horse over the roof tops and Zwarte Piet goes down the chimney and leaves the gifts or a switch or lump of coal for bad children in the

klompen (wooden shoes) left by the hearth. Another version has Sinterklaas dropping the gifts down the chimney so that they miraculously land in the right place. The gifts dispensed by Sinterklaas or Zwarte Piet are usually various kinds of sweets. A third story has Sinterklaas and Zwarte Piet knocking on the door with his bag of presents. Opening his large book, he calls out the name of each person who must then answer questions about his/her behavior throughout the year. Gifts go to the good and a switch or lump of coal to the bad. Sometimes, when the door is opened, Zwarte Piet will throw pepernoten onto a white sheet purposely laid on the floor. The children sing Sinterklaas songs as they try to get as many cookies as possible. For home visits Sinterklaas and Zwarte Piet, under their disguises, look amazingly like the father and/or uncle or family friend. In all versions the children provide treats for the horse by putting straw, a carrot, and a

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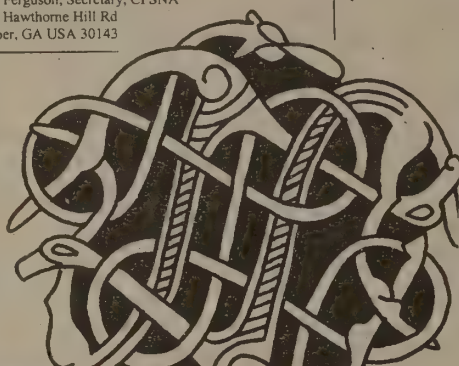
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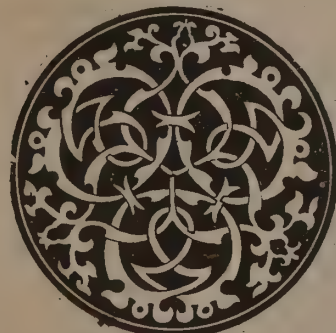
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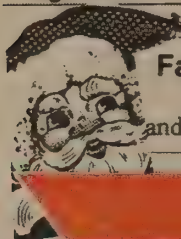
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This course should be available soon on <Suite101.com>.

### Where are those Welsh folk tales?

Could anyone kindly help me locate any published collection(s) of Welsh folk tales?

The interest here is not in Arthurian legends nor episodes from the Mabinogion, but rather authentic tales (and legends) of the common people, possibly originally passed on orally.

Any recommendations will be most kindly and gratefully appreciated.

Diolch yn fawr iawn!

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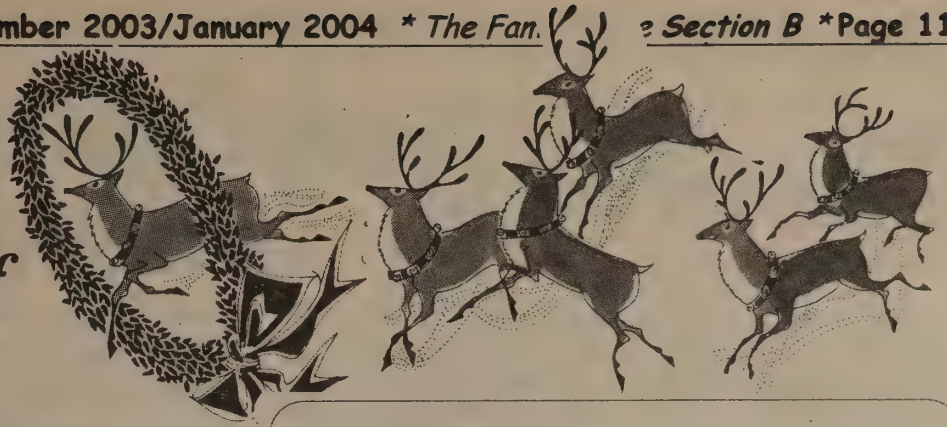
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Exceptions apply if there was a duplication of given name. In that case the practice was to skip to the next name on the list.



# If you're reading this paper...it's a real miracle! And, it happened because of these people.....



We came so close to having this little paper die last time that it still catches my breath. I had to make frantic calls to poor, unsuspecting friends and readers...and, almost unbelievably, they came through for us.

Our library board loaned us the remainder of what we needed.

We cannot do this again. I write each time about how important it is for folks to please remember us when they write checks. Nobody seems to pay much attention...but I promise, without your help, this paper will cease to exist.

One of the miracles which occurred this time was a lovely letter sent by Clan Scott to all members. We've noted those who responded from that generous group! Thank you all so much for your kind words and for your most amazing contributions.

The Clan Scott Society, Inc., sent us \$1.00 for each of their members...a total of \$566. Wow. A letter to members then asked for each member to send \$5.00. (Their individual contributions have been, in every case, much more!)

Clan Donald USA sent very generous checks - one for this year and one for last year...\$1000 total!

You will always note that many of our kind contributors are from Clan Donald!

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Our "above and beyond" Postage Heroes this time include an anonymous couple from New York City who sent us an unbelievable \$2500! No

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I called a lovely man in Detroit, Michigan who went to work on our behalf and raised from several donors a wonderful \$2000 for us. He stopped his busy schedule and worked on our behalf to raise that amount! Can you imagine?

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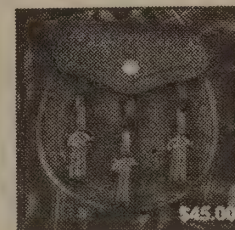
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princess to Germany for her marriage there. Please contact <ccornils@t-online.de>.

Are the **WALLACES** of West Virginia Scotch-Irish? What was the family's ancestry? I also would like to know about the **CREMEANS** of Cabell, County, West Virginia and origin of name, as well as about **STEWART** Family of Dalton, Illinois, suburb of Chicago. **LEWIS** Family of Marshall County, Tennessee. Also would like info on **FARLEY**'s of Raleigh County, West Virginia and **FARLEY HILL** in Winding Gulf, West Virginia. **SAMUEL WESLEY**, Raleigh County, West Virginia. **CAROLINA HUNT**, Wyoming County, West Virginia, daughter, married **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WALLACE**. **J. L. FARLEY**, his parents **THOMAS WALLACE**, mother **MARY QUESENBERRY** or **DUSENBERRY**. **SAMUEL WESLEY FARLEY** of Kansas. **JOHN HENRY FARLEY** born 1882, Monroe County, Virginia, related to Lees, Virginia? **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN & ELIZA WALLACE**, daughter **FLO BELLE WALLACE**, husband **CARL RAYMOND CREMEANS**. Folks **JOHN THOMAS CREMEANS & ALTA CAZAD**. Parents **WILLIAM RICHARD CAZAD & ELLEN BELLE HUGHES** or **RICHARD CAZAD & MARGERT MCGILL**. If any information on the above, please contact **Hal Lewis**, 124 Cumberland, Buffalo, NY 14220.

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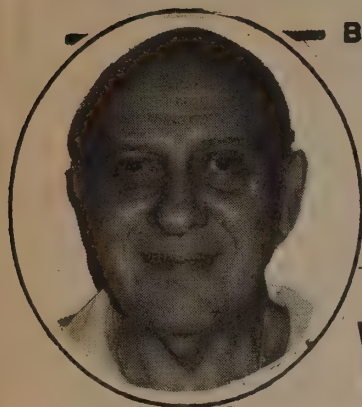
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## La Genealogia Italiana - Italian Pedigree

By Cav. Anthony J. Lasclo



SURPRISES  
FROM THE PAST

## WHO WHAT

## WHEN WHERE WHY?

I don't know what you expect to discover when embarking upon the mission of unearthing your roots. Many genealogists have made surprising revelations among their collection of Italian ancestors. Let's take a look at what has been discovered by some, including a few of my own mixed in. Some are bitter, some are sweet.....but they are all true.

♦ A paternal grandfather who is known to have emigrated to America twice, yet his passenger arrival records have never been found for either time.

♦ A maternal great grandfather who married four times. His first wife died during childbirth.

♦ Great grandparents who married at the ages of 16 and 14 respectively.

♦ Ancestors who married, each with the same surname, but unrelated.

♦ Every ancestor, both paternal and maternal, originating from the exact same town.

♦ An amazing discovery of a Roman Catholic cardinal among the siblings of an ancestor.

♦ Ethnic connections other than Italian, for example: Jewish, Albanian, Turkish, Algerian and Greek to name a few.

♦ A remarkable genealogical link to a canonized saint of the Catholic Church.

♦ A great, great, great grandfather who lived to the age of 115 at a time when the average male life span was 40.

♦ Paternal lineage traced back to the 1400s.

♦ Connection made to Antonio Meucci, the Italian inventor who was the original creator of the first telephone.

♦ Discovering an authentic family coat of arms, which has less than a one percent

chance of occurring.

♦ Inheriting land and a house in southern Italy, which had been passed down by numerous generations for several hundred years.

♦ A paternal family surname that is completely extinct in Italy today.

♦ Accepting the reality that a bomb in World War II destroyed every record for a particular Sicilian town.

♦ Obtaining a death document stating an ancestor's cause of death as an "earthquake".

♦ Maternal great grandparents who had seventeen children, but only eleven survived to adulthood.

♦ A ship manifest of the Lusitania, listing an ancestor who emigrated to America on that ship's last voyage before it was sunk by a German torpedo during World War I.

♦ One genealogist who was greatly disappointed to find a central Italian town he needed to research did not exist any longer as it had been completely abandoned.

♦ There is the case of a family researcher who discovered his grandmother spent several years in a county work farm drying out from alcohol abuse. In the same family, he then discovered on an early U.S. census that his own mother was in an orphanage for a time while her mother, the subject's grandmother, was serving time in rehabilitation. All this was

kept in the family closet because it was such a painful experience for them.

♦ A genealogist was surprised to find a cousin was the mayor of her ancestral town in Sicily when she traveled there to conduct research. He is a descendant from one of her branches.

These are by no means all of the stories but only a sample, a cross section, of what others have found as they pursue their heritage. What one individual learns may be similar, it may be different, or it may even be nothing noteworthy at all. Each individual's ancestry is unique. The objective in providing you with these true experiences of others is strictly to encourage you to give it your best effort and then enjoy the results.

What happened one hundred, two hundred or more centuries ago in history should reveal a great deal about who you are and who you descended from. Remember though, with each generation the data grows more scarce. Eventually, beyond the second or third generation preceding you, generally what is available may only be names, dates and places. But that's okay. It is precisely that pattern of data which can carry your research efforts back several hundred years and possibly more. This joy of discovery is exactly what genealogy is all about. Don't lose sight of that objective.

Family surprises from the distant past can be fascinating conversation and look great in a family history book, but there can also be a revelation of sad and sometimes sorrowful memories of how some of our ancestors struggled with their lives in a time much different from today. Put everything into perspective. Appreciate who they were. Learn from their

## Do you know about acorns?

At *The Family Tree*, we love acorns! Obviously, acorns have a lot to do with trees...and your editor grew up reading about Mary Jane (the tiny little person who used acorns for soup bowls).

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mistakes. Revel in their achievements. But above all else, pass it on to your children, grandchildren and future generations of descendants. What a legacy!!!

## Getting Old? *continued* from page 1B

You burn the midnight oil at 9:00 P.M..

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

Your back goes out more than you do.

You look forward to a dull evening.

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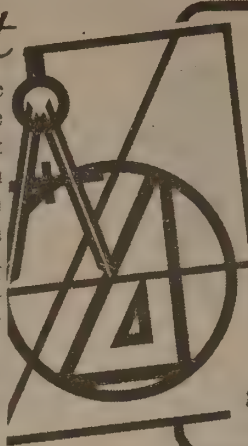


## Flowers of the Forest

**Ernie Guthrie** died recently. Ernie was born May 27, 1922, in La Monte, Missouri, the second son of Ernest Deane and Anna B. Guthrie. He attended both elementary and high school in La Monte. He attended Sedalia Business College until the outbreak of World War II. He joined the Navy in 1942 and served in the Pacific under Admiral "Bull" Hallsey until 1945.

Ernie married Mary Ellen Ripley on June 23, 1944. After the war, he worked for Bank of America for 16 years and was a graduate of the American Institute for Banking. He was a vice president of Pacific Fire Extinguisher Company in San Francisco where he worked for 26 years. He was a lifelong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America and served many years as a Scoutmaster.

In 1980, he attended the Clan Gathering at Guthrie Castle, and became West Coast Commissioner for Clan Guthrie USA. For more than ten years he hosted the Santa Rosa, California Gathering and Games. He was very proud of his heritage and his involvement with Clan Guthrie USA. In 1987 he retired and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. Ernie had been ill for several years.



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**Vernon Grimes Sutherland**, 82, Mapleview, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, life member, past president and treasurer of Clan Sutherland Society of North America, Inc. was born June 7, 1921 and died suddenly at his home on October 3, 2003.

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# The Adventures of Dick and Chris

Dick Lucas

I like to write about what senior citizens can do while traveling in Scotland, but this time I am going to tell my favorite story which can happen to anyone while touring about in Scotland. We have never had a bad experience while visiting there, but this one is not one we want to repeat. Chris doesn't like for me to tell the story and I think you will see why near the end of the tale.

Anyone that has visited Scotland has their favorite place of some kind and ours is a restaurant in Arbroath. They have great seafood and they are located right on the harbor in an old building that was once used to store goods unloaded from the ships. There is a pub inside along with the restaurant. Their biggest claim to fame came when Cromwell's ship bombarded the harbor and a cannonball came through the wall and killed the owner. The cannonball that killed him is on display on the bar in the pub.

We wanted to make sure the restaurant was open before we looked for a B&B. We never make reservations in advance. We just find a place. As we drove along the harbor wall, we could see the restaurant a couple of blocks away, and right there on the harbor was a B&B with a vacancy sign, so we said why not. We knocked on the door and a gentleman answered. He said yes they had room. He was a guest himself and he would help us as the manager was off somewhere drunk. We should have stopped then and there, but we were within walking distance of our restaurant, so we checked in. The place was clean, so we stayed. The other guest told us about a pub that only locals go to and that night was a ceilidh. He gave us directions, which were in the opposite direction of the restaurant, but only a few blocks away. It was hidden in a residential area with a 2 x 2 sign showing where it was.

Chris asked about washing

our clothes. "The guest" said they have a washing machine and he would do the washing for us and even furnish the soap. Typical Scottish hospitality. The washer was a small one you loaded through a round door in the front, in which he shoved all our clothes and forced the door shut. Chris thought this is not going to work. He then said he'd put our clothes in the dryer for us later. So, off we went to eat.

The restaurant was as good as ever. We decided to go to the ceilidh, so we headed out following his instructions on how to find the pub. He was right about the location, it was in an unexpected location and it was not a tourist pub. It was small and catered to the local Scots. "The guest" said he would meet us there around 9:00 PM.

Chris and I went in and had a seat and no one recognized us as tourists until Chris decided she wanted a drink. She told me to get her a bourbon and coke, so I went to the bar, opened my mouth and immediately was asked where I was from. When I ordered her drink, there was a blank look on the bartender's face as he had never heard of such a thing. When I explained how to make it, he searched around and found an old bottle of Jack Daniels. He mixed the drink, but they did not have any ice, so Chris had a warm bourbon and coke. To save face, I ordered a scotch and returned to our table.

The entertainers started coming in. They were locals and were not a band, but just people who liked to play music. There were 3 accordions, 2 guitars and one fiddle. The fiddle player was the only female in the group and must have had claustrophobia, as she would not play until the backdoor was opened, which had been nailed shut. It took at least a half hour to find a hammer and to get the door open. Then the music started

and it was very good. It was all traditional music and no one did any singing.

We stayed until about 9:30, but "the guest" had not shown up. We headed back to the B&B, but took a long way back just to get in a walk. "The guest" came the other way, so we missed him. When we arrived back at the B&B, the police were parked out front and stopped us to ask if we had called them. They wanted to make sure because they said they had a lot of calls from that address. The police left and we tried to get in, but the door was locked. We had been told they never locked the front door. We knew the owner lived a few doors down, so found him and got a key and went back to the B&B. While back at the door, the police came and again wanted to know if we had called them. We assured them it was not us that called. Now we began to be concerned.

We went inside and since we were the only ones there, upstairs we went to go to bed. I looked out the back window on the way up and there were our clothes hanging on a line. It was raining and it was too late to do anything, so we went to bed.

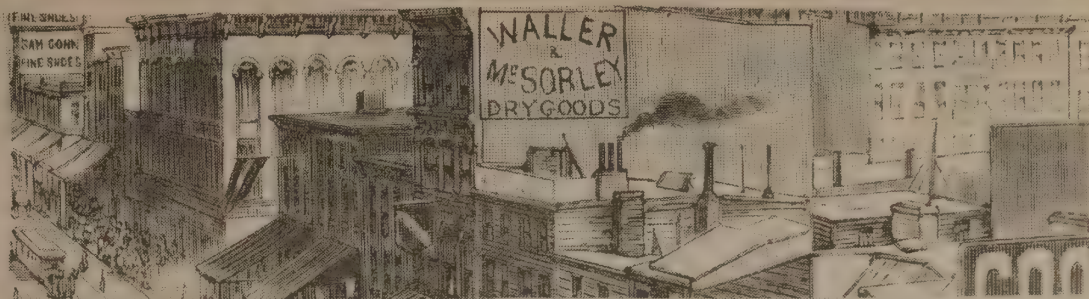
The next morning we came down for breakfast, which was cooked by "the guest" as the manager was still drunk. Our clothes were not out on the

line, but we found them. They had been placed on every heater in the house to dry because the dryer was broken. I had breakfast in the dining room with my underwear staring me in the face from the heater. Chris finished a quick breakfast and went about gathering up our clothes, which were still not dry.

As we left the B&B, we had spread some of our clothes on the seats of the car to dry and laughed at this adventure. We wouldn't trade the experi-

ence for anything, but we don't want to do it again. There are three ways to recognize an American in Scotland. One, they will be driving a new rental car. Two, they don't wave at other cars when they have to stop on a single carriage road. And three, their underwear is drying on the backseat.

Hope you like these stories, as next time it will be the farmhouse near Culloden and the cairns.



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Alsatian costumes differed in detail and identified the villages of their wearers. The red skirted costumes were worn by Catholics and the blue and green by Protestants. The colors of the costumes also changed seasonally to correspond with the colors of the liturgical calendar.

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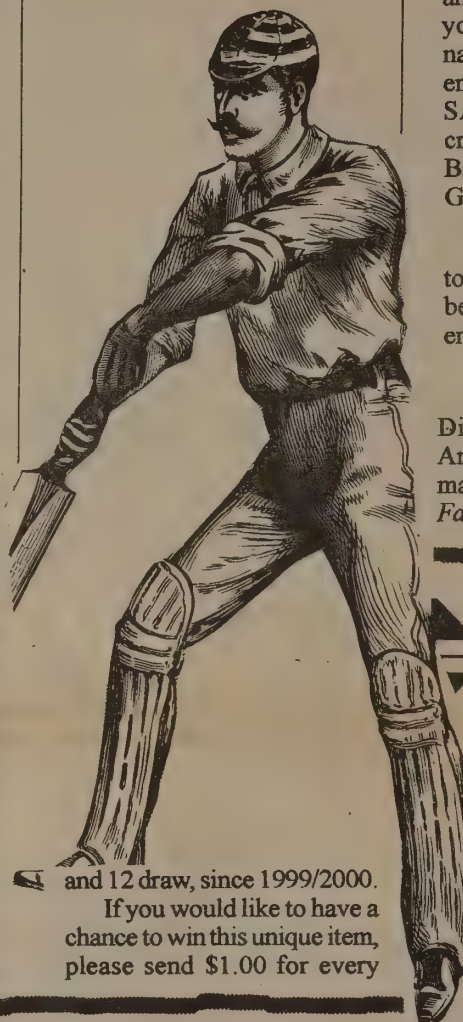
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Duncan Fletcher is coach for the team. His international career shows he captained Zimbabwe in the 1983 World Cup where he led the team to victory over Australia, scoring 69 not out and taking four for 42. The 55 year old was born in Zimbabwe. His track record shows he led Glamorgan to the country title in 1997, his first year in charge. He took over as England coach at the end of summer in 1999.

As for the England record, to the start of this series Duncan Fletcher led the team in 43 Tests: 15 wins, 16 losses



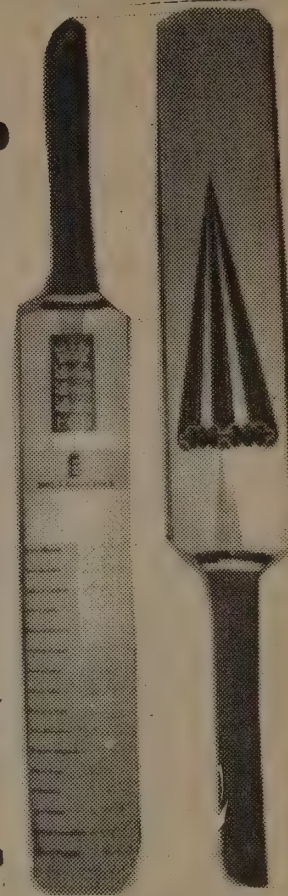
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Had it not been for you!  
Fate has still blest me with a friend,  
In ev'ry care and ill;  
And of a more endearing band,  
A tie more tender still..."*

Robert Burns, *Epistle to Davie, a Brother Poet*

Furman Mac Ammons was born June 19, 1928 in Red Springs, North Carolina to Mary Eula McGugan and Furman Martin Ammons. He spent his childhood and youth in and around Robeson County. In advance of an impending draft notice, Mr. Ammons joined the United States Air Force in 1950 to serve in Germany where he met his future wife, Ms. Hannelore Sperling.

Upon his honorable discharge in 1954, Mr. Ammons pursued undergraduate studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was the recipient of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio, Television and Motion Pictures in 1957. Shortly thereafter he became engaged to and married Ms. Sperling.

Mr. Ammons' skill with the written word and aptitude for technical detail allowed him to pursue a successful career in contracts management with Rockwell International's Missile systems Division. He was apt to quote that he was fortunate to have a vocation that was both challenging and progressive, and he truly considered it a good life's work.

Mr. Ammons was keenly interested in Scottish culture and life and was deeply involved with the Burns Club of Atlanta (Board of Directors), the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (Knights Templar) with a Grand Officer (GOTJ), and the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta (Board of Directors) with whom he worked at the annual charity the "Festival of Trees" to support Children's Health Care of Atlanta, including Scottish Rite Hospital.

He was an active member of the Clan Macneil Society and the Robert Burns World Federation, as well as a frequent supporter of the Stone Mountain Highland Games, among others. He often fulfilled the role of unofficial "advisor" to the management of the Flora McDonald Highland Games in North Carolina. He also participated in the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society of Atlanta and was known for his skill with the Pas de Basque.

He held a great love for literature and was well read in American history, particularly the Civil War. A great outdoors enthusiast, Mr. Ammons was an avid hunter and sportsman from early childhood. Mr. Ammons was noted as an authority on all subjects and was remarked for his ability to argue a fine point, much to the chagrin of his fellow disputants. He was an intellectual man and pursued interests in economics and politics as well.

Mr. Ammons departed this life quietly on the evening of October 29, 2003 due to complications from liver cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Hannelore Sperling Ammons; sons, Furman Martin and Steven Thomas Ammons; daughter Anita Julianne Ammons Sales; son-in-law Eric Sales, and his much beloved grandson Jarrett McGugan Sales.

Furman Mac Ammons was remarkable for the deep unswerving loyalty, generosity and devotion he held for his family and friends. His departure has left an unyielding void in our lives that must be filled by love, humor and recollections of his warmth and keen spirit.



**JEAN C. HUTCHISON**, beloved wife of John A. Hutchison of Dublin, Ohio, recently passed away. John and Jean were married 58 years after a 6 year courtship. Jean was a World War II veteran, Petty Officer 1st Class (equals Tech Sergeant) in the Waves. She "flew" a LINK trainer, instructing in instrument flight to young Navy pilots.

The memorial service for **EDITH "DEDE" SHIGLEY BINFORD GREEN TIGNOR**,

65, of Kennesaw, was Monday, November 3, 2003 at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Kennesaw. She died at Tranquility Hospice of malignant melanoma. The body was cremated.

Mrs. Tignor had many interests. She was a painter of vivid landscapes and portraits. She enjoyed snorkeling along the coasts of Caribbean islands. She created an English garden in her yard and recently finished a book, yet to be published, about wildflowers.

She delved into her family's English and Scottish roots and found she was descended from Robert the Bruce of Scotland through his daughter Marjorie.

Survivors include her husband, C. Wesley Tignor; her mother, Mary Shigley of Tacoma, Washington; two stepsons, Charles W. Tignor, Jr. of Snellville and Michael Tignor of Lilburn; a foster son, Richard Pinson of Dallas; two sisters, Mary Carhart of Vashon Island, Washington, and Elizabeth Anderson of Gainesville,

## DONALD GELETTE CANADAY SR.

Donald G. Canaday, Sr. of Cambridge, Ohio, age 77, passed away September 20, 2003, at The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus. He was born January 2, 1926, in Henry County, Indiana, the fourth of five sons to Lyndsey E. and A. Marea (Bockhofer) Canaday.

Mr. Canaday retired in 1988 from W. R. Grace Agricultural Marketing and Consulting Firm, following 35 years of service.

He was a 1943 graduate of Hagerstown High School in Indiana, a 1951 graduate of the University of Nebraska, and did graduate work at Ohio University-Zanesville.

He served in the US Air Force in Italy during World War II and served as a second lieutenant in the Army during the Korean War.

He served two terms on the Cambridge City Council from 1974-1978. He was a Hazmat officer for the City of Cambridge EPA from 1989-1993, a consultant for International Executive Service Corporation from 1993 to present, serving in Egypt and Romania.

He was founding commandant, legion of Fusilliers at the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Canaday, along with Judge John Mark Nicholson, founded The Celtic Society of Southeastern Ohio, and was serving his second term as commissioner. He served as chief of the Kennedy Society of North America for 14 years, a Boy Scout volunteer for 35 years, past president of the Eastern Ohio Forage Institute, past president of the Guernsey County Historical Society, past master of Masonic Lodge 632, F&AM of Cambridge.

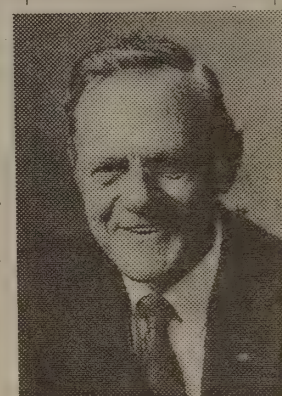
He served as lodge education officer for several years, high priest of Chapter 53, illustrious master of Council 74 and commander of commandry 47.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason with Scottish Rite Valley of Cambridge, and worked in the Robe Room at the Scottish Rite Reunions.

He was a Kentucky Colonel, a member of Lions International, Cambridge Chapter, and past commodore Land O Lakes Yacht Club. He served on the executive committee for Clan MacMillan.

Mr. Canaday was a member of Christ Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by two brothers. He leaves his wife, M. Bernice (Ripley) Canaday of Cambridge, whom he married November 21, 1945, in Lincoln, Nebraska; a daughter, two sons, two brothers, five grandchildren, an aunt and uncle, and numerous cousins.



Florida; and four stepgrandchildren.

**John Layton Murray** (1928-2003) travelled on his last journey July 11<sup>th</sup> surrounded by his loved ones. He had lived a creative, adventurous and gracious life and the Clan Murray will be less without him. He will also be very

much missed in countries like Guatemala, Sri Lanka, Kiev and Guyana where he taught furniture design with Canadian Executive Service overseas. More recently, John began painting using watercolors and had highly successful exhibitions in Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Ontario.



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## Tale of a census taker

An old timer was sitting on his porch, when a young man walked up with a pad and pencil in his hand.

"What are you selling, young man?" he asked.

"I'm not selling anything, sir," the young man replied. "I'm the census taker."

"A what?" the old man asked.

"A census taker. We are trying to find out how many people are in the United States."

"Well," the old man answered. "You're wasting your time with me. I have no idea."

USAF (ret) of "bad" (good) joke-telling fame and Clan Buchanan of Vacaville, California; Jim and Donna Anderson of Lilburn, Georgia; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Hunter of Royston, Georgia; Stan Darroch of Arlington, Virginia; Lawrence Buie of Denton, North Carolina; Alta & Chuck Bearman of Valdosta, Georgia and Billye Tellingier of Colorado.

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Randal Massey of Dunham from Pelham, Alabama; Mr. & Mrs. Oral Henderson from Cherokee Village, Arkansas; Dale Baird all the way from Colorado; Maria Moreau of Barkhamsted, Connecticut; Kathy Kessinger of Clan MacLellan in Jeffersonville, Indiana; Allen G. Buckalew of Arlington, Virginia and Warren and Katherine Henderson, dear friends from Clan Henderson and Prattville, Alabama.

Folks, to be honest, I cried each time I opened one of these envelopes. How kind and generous you are..

Sometimes I think I am the only one who cares whether or not *The Family Tree* survives. These wonderful friends were evidence that I am not the only one who cares.

At the recent Murfreesboro, Tennessee Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration, I talked to many represen-

tatives from the Scottish community...and the kind and encouraging words I heard made me cry again and again. Thank you all.

*(On a lighter note, I still think the "short, 4-legged, hairy guy" should have won the Bonniest Knees Contest in Murfreesboro! I could tell from his "cologne" that he was a little Highland Cool!)*

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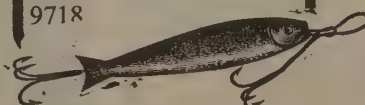
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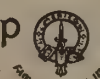


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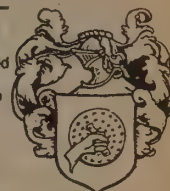
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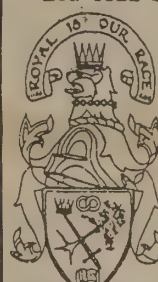
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## Sinterklaas, Continued from page 7B

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gifts. From personal experience I can say that it is both a challenge and lots of fun as everyone tries to guess what the gift will be. Until now, I didn't realize that this was a Dutch custom.

Sometime on December 6<sup>th</sup>, according to tradition, Sinterklaas secretly boards his steamboat and goes back to Spain. There he remains until the following year.

### Sinterklaas feestdag lekkers (holiday sweets)

Some of the traditional treats eaten during this season are listed here. My three Dutch recipe books differ slightly on the details and names for the same item. Apparently the Dutch are very fond of gingerbread (lots of allspice with an occasional pinch of ginger) and almond paste. These ingredients are in many of the Sinterklaas recipes.

Pepernoten are the hard gingersnaps/gingerbread-biscuits thrown by the Zwarte Pieten to the crowds or through the door onto a white sheet in private homes when they visit. The children sing Sinterklaas songs as they try to get as many as possible. (Pepernoot is a ginger nut or gingerbread nut. Peper is pepper and noten are music notes. The name comes from the spicy/peppery ginger plus the round shape like music notes.)

Kerstkrans (Christmas wreath/circle) is a white bread molded into a wreath and deco-

rated with white frosting plus red and green candied cherries plus perhaps apricots and candied fruit peels. To top it off they add a red ribbon and holly sprig, both of white are inedible.

Letterbanket (fancy letter cake), sometimes called Boterletters (butter letters), has a flaky dough similar to that of pie crusts wrapped around an almond paste filling. For added zest there might also be some grated lemon peel mixed with the almond paste.

Speculaaspoppen (hard, brown, spiced, doll-shaped cookies), also called Speculaas Koekjes (cookies), are traditional gingerbread-people cookies formed in wooden molds. When these molds are in the shape of Sint Nicolaas, the cookies are called Sinterklaaskoekjes (Sinterklaas cookies).

Suikerbeester (sugar beasts) are animal-shaped sugar cookies loved by children everywhere.

Taaitaai (literally, taai means tough or hard), a very hard cookie with anise flavoring, is molded into fancy doll shapes.

Besides pastries there are special candies. Instead of candy canes they give a Chocolate Initial (for the first name only) to each person.

Borstplaat (fondant or fudge), Marsepein (marzipan: a confection made of almond paste and sugar) and Roomborstplaat (cream fondant or fudge) are three favorites. Like dough, these fondants and marzipan can be put into molds. When the molds are shaped like fruit or vegetables, a matching food coloring is used. There are three common flavorings - peppermint (with red and/or green food coloring), coffee, and cocoa.

## Sinterklaaslieder en kerstlieder (St. Nicholas songs and Christmas carols)

There are several Sinterklaas songs. Apparently he likes to hear children singing, so they sing for him both at the public appearances and at home. I am working on a music book, *Olde Dutch Christmas Songs and Carols*, with the original Dutch lyrics, a very literal English translation and other information about each piece. If you have copies of any old Dutch carols and Christmas songs in Dutch, please send them to me! My address and e-mail are in *Who's Who*.

Nu ik wens jullie een Zalig en Vrolijk Kerstfeest en Gelukkig Nieuwjaar! (Now I wish you all a blessed and merry Christmas and happy new year!)

## Flowers of the Forest

Eric Montgomery, founder of the Ulster-American Folk Park in Omagh and a former Government Press officer at Stormont, has died after a short illness. He was 87 years old.

The son of a Methodist minister from Moy, County Tyrone, Ireland, he worked as a journalist on the *Impartial Reporter* before the Second World War and later joined the Guards Armoured Division. He joined the civil service at Stormont in 1950. He served under four Prime Ministers and later, until his retirement in 1976, with the Direct Rule Administration at Stormont.

Mr. Montgomery took a very deep interest in the Ulster-Scots emigration to North America and in 1967 he was inspirational in setting up the Ulster-American Folk Park outside Omagh. He received a military MBE and in 1991 the QBE. He was the founder of the Frontier Culture Museum at Staunton, Virginia.

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At the business meeting, Von Innes of Lincoln, Nebraska, was elected president of the Innes Clan Society, replacing Andy Innes of Palm Desert, California, whose term had expired.

Also elected was Steve Innes of Westminster, Colorado, as vice president; Larry Innis of Fort Worth, Texas, as treasurer; and Chuck Mitchell of Long Beach, California, as secretary.

It was also decided at the meeting that the next annual general meeting will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in conjunction with the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games, May 14-16, 2004.

A banquet was held following the meeting at the Minsi Trail Inn, Bethlehem, where a delicious meal was enjoyed and awards were presented to the outgoing officers and chairpersons continuing in their present capacities. Each of the recipients were given a hearty round of applause for their hard work in serving the organization over the years.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by James Ruhf, a well-known Bethlehem piper, and one of his students. They played a series of well-known Scottish tunes before returning to entertain at the Celtic Festival.

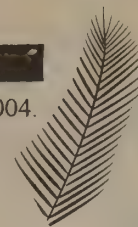
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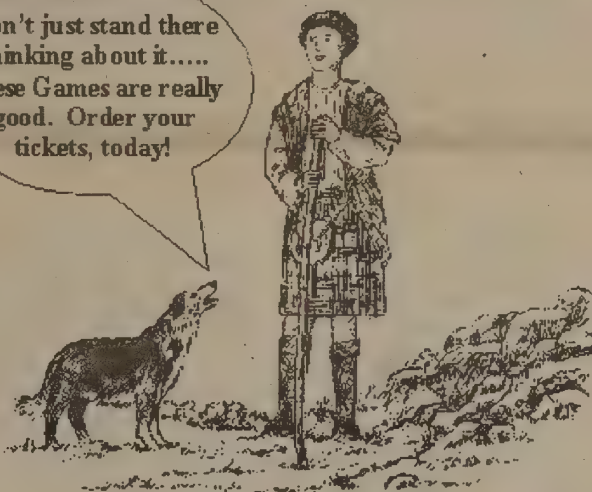
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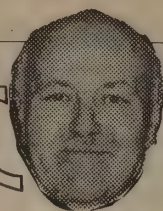
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## Scottish Clan Societies

I have often been told that Clan Societies don't in fact make much money and that the only obvious way for them to attract members is by offering their clan newsletter.

Over the years I've often wondered about this as it seems to me that Clan Societies should be able to offer much more than just a newsletter to attract members. I remember for example that the Fraser clan in Canada did much to support clan members that came over from Scotland to settle. They helped find them accommodation while they looked for work and in fact often managed to secure them jobs to get started.

In the old days in Scotland with clans being very much associated with tracts of lands it was obvious if you needed any services that you would turn to a clan member to supply them.

I thus wondered why this special sense of community couldn't be fostered more strongly by current Clan Societies?

When the web first came to my notice I really felt this

was a real opportunity to develop communities and engage with others of a similar interest to your own. I felt that at last we had a great and powerful means of communication that we ourselves could control and to an extent do with as we wished. It transcended national boundaries and was a true global medium.

Turning my thoughts to this sense of community I have often wondered why most of us are not able to just talk on the web. Looking at the vast majority of web sites they really appear more like advertising brochures than people engaging with other people.

When I was a salesman it was drummed into me that I should use AIDC which stands for (A)ttention (I)nterest (D)esire and (C)lose. In other words get the buyers Attention so they'll listen to your sales proposal. Then develop their

Interest by telling them interesting benefits about your proposal. You then develop in them a Desire for purchasing your proposal by explaining what's in it for them and then you need to Close the sale by asking for the order.

To do all that you also need to be enthusiastic about your product or proposal and so when you look at the web sites around the world do you see this being played out? To me most sites do not create in me a desire to spend much time on the site and thus I'm never going to go back or get involved. It's important that sites are updated at least weekly otherwise folk coming back will see nothing new and not bother to return.

Now turning this to Clan Societies I wondered how they might engage their fellow clan members and get them to join. Again to me it's this sense of

community that we're failing to engage. I mean in the old days if we needed a service you would only look beyond your own clan if they didn't provide that service. So why can't we do the same today?

My idea would be for all Clan Societies to have a private part of their web site where only members get access. Once in there each member should list themselves by name with their town address and phone number and their occupation and/or any expertise that they have. Then if a fellow clan member requires a plumber, life insurance, health cover, etc., they should be able to check to see if a fellow clan member offers that service. If they do then they should go to them.

Might it not be possible for the member selling life insurance to pass on a percentage of his commission to the clan society? After all the sale comes

through the clan so giving a little back to help the society do more would be good wouldn't it?

Even exchange of knowledge would be good. Say you are a small business trying to develop might it not be possible where a fellow clan member is in marketing that the fellow clan member could help with some tips or general advice?

To me a Clan Society should be a real community where fellow clan members are active in trying to do business with other clan members or offer or obtain help on a whole series of topics.

So my purpose in discussing this issue with you this month is to encourage all our Scots descendants to become members of their Clan Society but don't just be a passive member. Be prepared to get involved and to ask questions and suggest ideas. The better the Clan Society, the better the community and the better all the members will be rewarded.

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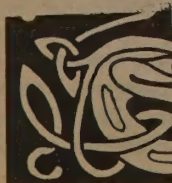
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




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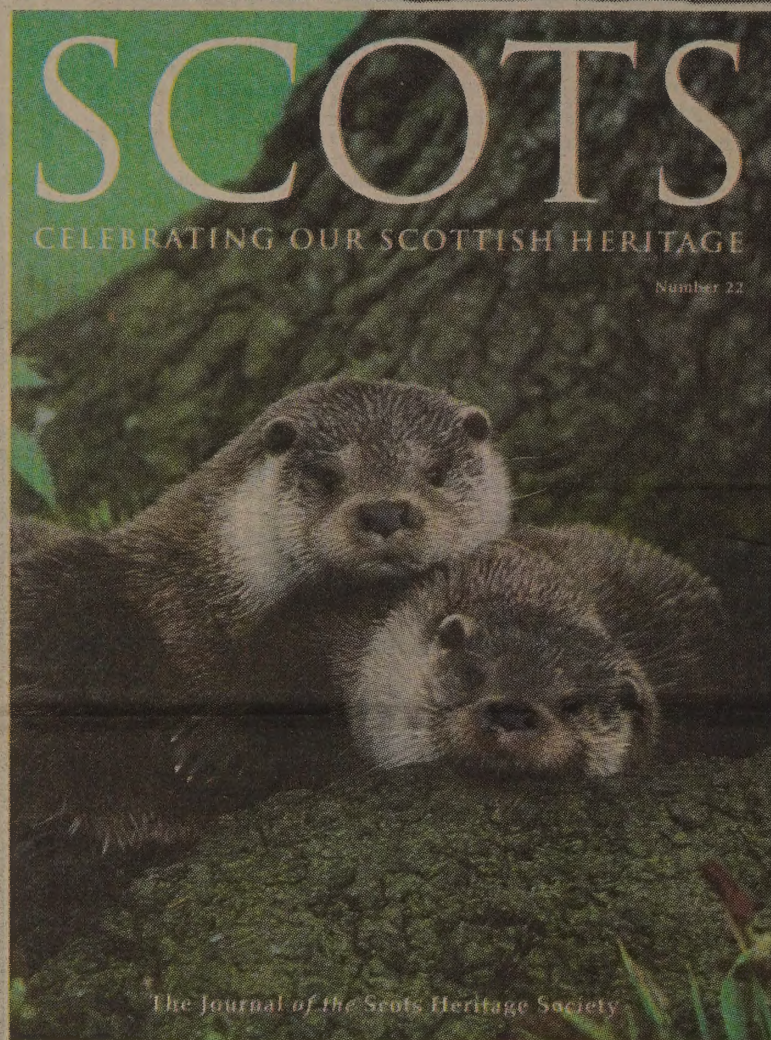
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